Chinese Partner Universities

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WKU's efforts in clean coal research have been spilling over into China for more than a decade.

 In this week's View from the Hill, Amy Bingham shows us how those connections have also extended to WKU’s Confucius Institute.

Some universities in China are taking a cue from WKU when it comes to controlling emissions and the partnerships are also a huge benefit to the cultural exchange of the Confucius Institute.

Meet Dr. Wei-Ping Pan, director of both WKU's Confucius Institute and the [Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology](http://www.wku.edu/icset/) or ICSET.

 He's been at WKU since 1986 and has played an instrumental role in developing partnerships overseas.

"For the past 15 to 20 years, Dr. Pan has been closely engaged with some of the best universities in China."

 Dr. Pan---who has been designated as one of the one thousand experts in China in the field of science and technology--has secured funding and helped build a thermal analysis lab at North China Electric Power University that’s identical to the lab in Bowling Green.

"We actually received all the equipment donated by TA instrument located in Delaware then formally sponsor our ICSET for our similar analysis Lab."

The clean coal technology is something China is eager to replicate.

"Our work though our ICSET and Dr. Pan's research is helping China control mercury emissions and other emissions properly in the burning of coal as a fuel source."

NCEPU is also tied to WKU by recently becoming our official partner university for the Confucius Institute.

"It's with your partner university that you conduct a lot of your programming. You have direct communication with the Chinese Education Ministry."

"Confucius Institute very helpful platform for cultural and student exchange between two universities."

Just two hours southwest of Beijing is Hebei University, a comprehensive university in Baoding.

WKU and Hebei signed a formal agreement to explore a “two plus two” program where students could attend their first two years at Hebei and then complete their degree at WKU.

"We were so impressed with what they're doing in the sciences particulary medical technology, what they're doing with computer animation, in communications.."

Plans are being made for WKU's Symphony to perform at both Hebei University and NCEPU in May of 2013.

With this week's View from the Hill, I'm Amy Bingham.

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