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WMU Welcomes Over 100 International Students at International Student Orientation and Registration Program

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Western Michigan University welcomed 130 new international students to campus during the International Student Orientation and Registration Program on January 5 and 6 with even more students expected this semester.

At ISORP, international students meet faculty, staff, and current students who assist in the transition to Kalamazoo and beginning studies at WMU. The information and guidance offered to students at ISORP varies from working through immigration details to exploring how to grocery shop in the United States.

"This is a prime opportunity for WMU to support the students and give them a "safe landing" and a good launch in to their academic programs. They connect with other students especially when they realize that WMU has many other international students," said Juan Tavares, Director of International Admissions and Services at WMU. Read more about ISORP.

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Partner visits and an alumni reunion focus of recent delegation in Japan

KALAMAZOO, Mich.—Haenicke Institute Executive Director Jane Blyth and CELCIS Director Tom Marks returned June 14 from a nine-day trip to Japan to visit the following WMU partners: St. Margaret’s Junior College, Nihon University, Musashino University, the University of Tokyo, Aichi Prefectural University, Ritsumeikan University, Doshisha University, and Kyoto Notre Dame University. Blyth and Marks also attended an alumni reunion in Tokyo hosted by the Kalamazoo-Kai, a WMU alumni organization. Dr. Steve Covell, WMU professor of comparative religion, and students enrolled in WMU’s Japan Religion and Culture study abroad course also participated in the reunion and gave a short presentation on what they had learned while in Japan. Blyth and Marks also gave several presentations to prospective students and faculty, from whom they received very positive responses about WMU. Photo gallery.

Chicago meetings bolster international partnerships
Haenicke Institute Associate Provost Wolfgang Schlörr visited the Education Malaysia Chicago office in Evanston, Ill. on Friday, June 10. He met with Director Azimah Binti Aziz to discuss WMU’s Malaysian student population, opportunities for expanded student exchange between Malaysia and WMU, and current as well as potential partnerships with Malaysian universities. Currently, 46 Malaysian students are enrolled at WMU. Education Malaysia, previously known as Malaysia Students Department was a department established by the Government of Malaysia to manage the welfare of Malaysian students studying abroad. As time passed, Education Malaysia is now becoming a one stop center for all inquiries concerning Malaysia education, and hence, aligned with the expansion of its functions.

Schlörr also visited the Consulate General of Brazil in Chicago, Ill., where he met with Consul General Paulo Camargo, Deputy Consul Marianne Martins Guimares, and Education Assistant Janaina Bertao Solomos. Schlor discussed WMU’s strong record in hosting students through Brazil's Scientific Mobility Program, as well as WMU's emerging institutional partnerships in the country.