UM Community Works for Change in Middle East
Campus’ commitment to enhancing understanding of region and its peace process - evident in multiplicity of events and programs.

Dr. Matthias Ruth Speaks on Climate Change Issues
Talk in OIP-sponsored lecture series focuses on causes and impacts of climate change, and measures that could counter the effects.

Dr. Mote Returns to China, Encourages Collaboration
The President (above, right) and his team meet with leaders in government, education, and industry from across China, in an effort to cultivate partnerships, including a budding one with the Chengdu Panda Base.

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From the windswept Arabian desert to the colossal steel Burj Dubai, the Middle Eastern landscape is as diverse and complex as its inhabitants. For outsiders, the region is an enigma in every sense of the word, a place that prophets, politicians, and pundits have pondered since the beginning of time. It is the land of Jews, Christians, Muslims, Bahá’í, Druze, Kurds, and countless other peoples and religions. It is a land of contradictions – both the epitome and antithesis of peace at the same time. Yet, despite its challenges, the Middle East is also a land of hope.

The University of Maryland is deeply engaged with the Middle East, as evident in the following vignettes. Take, for example, the work of Dr. Sahar Khamis, a Communications professor who uses the Internet to build linkages between her students and those in the Middle East; ultimately, these partnership forge friendships and shatter stereotypes. Or, the research of Dr. Shibley Telhami, UM’s world renowned professor who has polled native Middle Easterners for the past decade. His work presents an unparalleled glimpse into the collective minds of the Arab people, and provides the chance to shape policies around this insight.

No matter what the future holds for the region, UM scholars and students will remain active there, spreading knowledge and inspiring hope in this land of complexities, challenges, and beauty.
Jehan Sadat
Brings Message of Peace to UM

“I am a woman of Egypt. I am a woman with a mission. My mission is peace on earth with dignity and justice.”

With these words, Jehan Sadat, widow of the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and herself Senior Fellow at UM’s Center for International Development and Conflict Management, began her April talk on reviving the peace process in the Middle East. Her speech is part of an ongoing lecture series that was named in honor of her husband, who was assassinated in 1981 by Muslim extremists.

Prior to his death, President Sadat worked to advocate for peace in the region, and in 1978, signed the Camp David Accords, making Egypt the first Arab state to recognize Israel. “I was floating on a cloud of optimism – but for some, that peace floated away,” Sadat recalls. “In conditions like this, how can anyone hope for peace? But I do.”

Sadat devotes much of her time to advocating for peace through lectures and meetings with political leaders. Her most recent accomplishment is a new book, My Hope for Peace.

She gave excerpts from her work, including a series of principles her husband devised that, she says, political leaders must follow to obtain peace. These include: accepting that majorities in all countries want to live in peace; being realistic, while being sincere; encouraging forgiveness by being forgiving yourself; and having faith in a power greater than oneself.

Sadat ended her talk by discussing the role of women in Islam, and dispelled misconceptions about the religion. “Let me be clear: Muslims are not at war with the U.S.; they do not hate America, or democracy,” she said. “Fanaticism and violence are not part of the religion; instead we embrace basic human freedoms and, most importantly, peace.”

Shibley Telhami
Shares Arab Public Opinion Poll

Of his many notable accomplishments – including being UM’s Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development; non-resident senior fellow at the Saban Center at the Brookings Institution; a regular media commentator; and author of a UM First Year Book – Dr. Shibley Telhami is perhaps most widely known nationally for his annual Arab Public Opinion Poll (see page 7). For the past decade, Telhami has surveyed Middle Easterners on what unites and divides them. This past May, Telhami shared his polling experience as part of the OIP-sponsored Strategies to Survive the 21st Century lecture series.

Telhami walked his audience through a history of polling, the region’s changing collective identities, and the effects these identities may have on the future. There has been a massive flux in collective Arab identities in the 20th and 21st centuries, ranging from State nationalism, to Arab pride, to Muslim nationalism, and back to the State again. But Telhami says he expects to see another shift, as he believes State nationalism will falter.

“The gap between public opinion and the government’s position on core issues is astonishing,” he explains. “For example, 88% of the [Arab] public believes the U.S. is the second largest threat, but the government tells the people that Iran is. And, the government says Hezbollah is extremely threatening, but the public admires their leader.”

Telhami says the Internet and satellite television have played large roles in shaping collective identities, as people can form linkages outside of their boundaries. But they have also fueled the disparate views of the governments and their peoples.

“I expect to see a challenge to the State from arenas we didn’t expect,” he says. “This is only the beginning of globalization and technology, and they will have a major impact on further redefining collective identities.”
“Fanaticism and violence are not part of religion; instead we embrace basic human freedoms and, most importantly, peace.”

- JEHAN SADAT

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
Bring Students to Middle East

What better way to immerse oneself in Middle Eastern culture than to live and learn as the locals do? Now UM students have the chance to do so, thanks to a number of new programs from the Study Abroad Office.

In addition to a new semester program in Haifa, Israel (page 9), students can also spend their Winter term in one of three Arab countries. Students can travel to Dubai, a mecca of urbanization, to study design; to Egypt, to experience its rich literary history; or to Qatar to analyze American models of education. There are also likely to be a number of summer term offerings, including a Jewish studies course in Israel and an intercultural communications course in Egypt and Israel.

For more information on these programs, visit umd.edu/studyabroad.

STUDENTS BRIDGE DIFFERENCES
Using the World Wide Web

In the early morning hours of Fall 2008, while much of College Park was still fast asleep, a group of dedicated students were on their computers, deep in conversation with Middle Eastern peers. The students were part of the Soliya Connect Program, an educational initiative that links American and Middle Eastern students through Internet sessions twice-a-week. At the end of the program, students emerge with a new global network of peers and a better understanding of the issues that divide the “West” and the “Arab & Muslim World.”

Assistant Professor of Communications Sahar Khamis had previously used the Soliya program at Qatar University, and integrated the program into her Arab Media class as an option in lieu of a final paper.

Soliya’s network of participants from about 60 universities worldwide log in to the program at a set time, and discuss a variety of social topics. During the course of the program, students complete reflections and pair together to create a video project.

“I was partnered with someone from the Middle East and each of us made three short videos that showed aspects of our life and culture, including a short clip of the UM campus,” explains junior Communications major Dianne Beltran. She says a bond was created between her and her Middle Eastern partner, Saman; in fact, the two still e-mail each other quite frequently.

“The program tries to train young people to be experts in the areas of conflict resolution and leadership,” Khamis explains. “In the future, they will know how to converse with people of various cultures, and respectfully agree or disagree with their points of view.”

For more information on the Soliya Connect program, visit www.soliya.net.
Journalist David Ignatius Shares Insight into Peace Process

There are few journalists with more experience covering the Middle East than Washington Post columnist David Ignatius, and he recently visited the campus to share his insight. Ignatius, a former Wall Street Journal reporter and author, gave his view on whether peace is plausible during the second annual Dubin lecture, sponsored by UM’s Gildenhorn Institute for Israeli Studies. His stance? “Peace is possible, imaginable and necessary,” Ignatius says.

Interviewed by new UM Journalism Dean Kevin Klose, Ignatius began by sharing anecdotes from his experience covering the Middle East in the 1980s, including an interview with former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

U.S. relations with the region are incredibly important, Ignatius says, and the Obama Administration’s actions have been positively perceived there thus far. “On his first day in the Oval Office, President Obama phoned Middle Eastern leaders to express sincerity. His first interview was to an Arabic television station. And during his first trip abroad he traveled to Turkey, to a Muslim Parliament, to express his commitment,” Ignatius explains. “He has made a difference by encouraging dialogue and traveling the region.”

Ignatius, who says he did not agree with many of President George W. Bush’s policies, closed his talk by applauding Bush’s resistance to withdrawing from Iraq. “If we left under fire, we could have confirmed the judgment that a lot of Arab radical groups have about us – that if you hit America hard enough, we’ll run,” Ignatius explains. “There would have been terrible consequences for everything, and it would have emboldened the people who don’t want a peace settlement in Israel and Palestine.”

BY THE NUMBERS:
2009 Arab Public Opinion Poll Results

Dr. Shibley Telhami’s 2009 poll results, the first since the Obama Administration took office, shed light on a number of common public perceptions.

Attitudes towards the U.S: Overall, 45% of Arabs polled have a favorable view of President Obama, 28% are neutral, 24% have negative views. This translates into hope for American foreign policy in the Middle East. A 51% majority expressed hopefulness about U.S. Middle East policy; however, this hope did not translate into immediate reevaluation of attitudes toward the U.S. 77% of Arabs still identify the U.S. as one of the two biggest threats they face (the other being Israel).

Attitudes towards the Iraq War: 65% of Arabs polled believe that if the U.S. withdraws its forces from Iraq as planned by the end of 2011, Iraqis will find a way to bridge their differences. 72% believe Iraqis are worse off than they were before the Iraq war, a decrease from 82% in 2008.

Attitudes towards Iran: 13% identify Iran as one of their two biggest threats. 58% believe Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons; 53% believe that Iran has the right to pursue its nuclear weapon program, while 44% oppose it, a marked difference from the 22% in 2008.

Global Leadership: In 2008, Hezbollah leader Hasan Nasrallah was most admired, with 26% - this year, the winner is Hugo Chavez, president of Venezuela. And, if the world were to have only one superpower, the preferred country to play that role remains France, 23%.

Role of the Media: The use of the internet continued to grow, with 36% stating that they use the internet at least several times a week and only 38% never using the internet (compared with 52% in 2008). Overall, al-Jazeera TV maintains its lead as the first choice for international news, with 55% (compared to 53% in 2008).
**IRAQ WORKSHOP**  
Brings Top Scholars to UM

Eight internationally-recognized Iraq and Middle East specialists visited UM late last semester to share their insight as part of the “Memories of Iraq” workshop. This multi-day conference, sponsored by the Department of History and the Middle East Studies Committee of the College of Arts & Humanities, highlighted various visions of Iraqi identity, based on shared and divergent narratives on the evolution of the nation.

The event revolved around two keynote speeches, one by Iraq historian Dina Khoury of George Washington University, the other by Peter Sluglett, University of Utah professor and doyen of modern Iraqi history.

The rest of the workshop featured two panel discussions: “Memories of State, Memories of the Community,” and “Neglected Spaces and Iraqi Memories Abroad.” The first highlighted the difficulties of researching the past amidst social conflict. Since World War I, occupying forces/dictatorships have selected which memories and artifacts are of value; consequently, social memory may not be fully accurate.

The second panel analyzed the experiences of specific groups in relation to social memory. For example, memoirs of the 1941 Farhud program in Baghdad present a gloomy picture of Jewish life in Iraq; in contrast, Iraqi Jews in Israel today highlight the level of neighborliness, protection and friendly understanding.

To conclude the event, workshop organizer Peter Wien noted that it is important to give voice to the memories – shared or divergent – of the different groups that make up Iraqi society.

*By Peter Wien, Assistant Professor of History*

**LANGUAGE STUDY**  
Brings Middle Eastern Culture to UM

Languages are the key to the soul of a culture, and UM offers students the chance to study three from the Middle East: Arabic, Persian (Farsi), and Hebrew.

Both the Arabic and Persian programs offer an undergraduate major/minor in addition to a Flagship Program. The latter are federally-funded programs that allow undergraduates and graduates to gain professional proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic or Persian. Overseas immersion plays an integral role in both Flagship programs; undergraduates can study for a summer/semester in Egypt or Tajikistan, and graduate students spend their second year studying in Syria or Tajikistan. The program culminates in a Flagship Scholar Certificate (undergraduates) or a Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies or a Master of Professional Studies in Arabic or Persian (graduate students).

Hebrew studies, while not currently a major or minor at UM, offers courses in Elementary through Advanced-level Hebrew. Each student may augment their studies with courses on modern Hebrew literature and Israeli culture, taught in English.

For more, visit www.languages.umd.edu
UM Launches Study Abroad Programs in Israel & China

UM’s Study Abroad Office has enriched its semester programs by expanding to two new, influential areas of the world: the Middle East and East Asia. “Both programs are designed for students to maximize their cultural integration while abroad as well as study at some of the finest institutions in each country,” says Michael Ulrich, Director of the Study Abroad Office. Beginning in Spring 2010, students can spend a semester at either the Maryland-in-Haifa or Maryland-in-Shanghai programs.

Maryland-in-Haifa

With its diverse mosaic of cultures, the Mediterranean port city of Haifa is the ideal place for students to search for common ground and mutual understanding in the Middle East. Students will be based at the University of Haifa, one of the country’s leading universities, with over 17,000 Israeli students. A range of courses taught in English make this program an attractive fit for many majors. Students will also take a 3-credit course entitled: The Roots of Societal Conflict and the Search for Common Ground, specially designed by Dr. Edward (Edy) Kaufman, a Senior Researcher (and former Director) of UM’s Center for International Development and Conflict Management, and of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Students may also supplement coursework with optional guided fieldwork and internships to further their cultural interactions.

The city of Haifa, built at the foot of picturesque Mount Carmel, is proud of its long-standing record of coexistence and mutual respect among Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Bahá’í, and Druze communities. Consequently, students are presented a glimpse into this multicultural, fascinating part of the world.

Maryland-in-Shanghai

Shanghai – which offers a blend of contemporary and traditional China – is an ideal location for immersion into Asian culture. Students will take courses at Fudan University, the leading university in Shanghai and one of the top universities in China. Fudan enrolls 25,000 full-time degree candidates, including 4,500 international students. Students have between 25-30 course choices, including Mandarin Chinese, and will also take one required course. Taught in Fudan’s Department of History, the course will focus on Chinese history, culture and civilization. The course includes a weekend field trip to Inner Mongolia that will give students a deeper understanding of China and provide insight into many traditional customs and beliefs. Like Maryland-in-Haifa, Shanghai students will also have the chance to pursue a part-time internship in their area of interest.

Maryland-in-Shanghai is facilitated by The Education Abroad Network’s (TEAN) Study Asia program, one of UM’s affiliate program providers. Shanghai is China’s largest city, with a population of 18.7 million. Although it is now home to more skyscrapers than Manhattan, Shanghai still honors its traditions with historic neighborhoods, shopping districts, and university campuses.

For pricing information and application instructions for Maryland-in-Haifa or Maryland-in-Shanghai, please visit the “Semester Programs” link on the left side of the website www.umd.edu/studyabroad.
Students Embrace Chinese Culture

Confucius Institute Summer Camp teaches art, dance, martial arts, and more

This summer, students in the Chinese Culture Camp at the Confucius Institute at Maryland (CIM) immersed themselves in the culture of a country 8,000 miles away - without ever leaving the classroom. Area children enjoyed two weeks of Chinese language lessons, arts and crafts, movement and dance, calligraphy and painting, and “culture capsules” about the geography, history, society, and philosophies of China. In the end, the students gained a deeper knowledge of the beauty and mystique of Chinese culture, through a rich and colorful variety of hands-on experiences.

Guest artists brought in traditional music, dance, martial arts, and brush painting to the children. The campers created tiny clay pagodas and half-moon bridges for penjing, or dish gardens; they made paper with a wooden mold and screen; designed paper lanterns; dressed up in Chinese clothing; folded paper into shapes of flowers and boats; and assembled a dragon mosaic.

Each day at lunch time, different flavors were experienced – sesame noodles, tofu, jiaozi (dumplings), and more. Black Bean and Garlic Sauce, a common Asian condiment, was an awesome hit!

To round out each day, a language class brought the structures and sounds of Mandarin Chinese to the children, who had traditional copy booklets with squared paper to write their lessons in. The week was filled with Chinese culture to please the five senses, and participants were eager to share their newly-acquired knowledge.

To learn more about the Confucius Institute at Maryland, visit www.international.umd.edu/cim

By Rebecca McGinnis, CIM

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE LENDS EXHIBIT TO NEW GEORGE MASON COUNTERPART

The 60 giant photographic prints from January’s Confucius Exhibit, (profiled in Maryland International, Spring 2009 Vol. I issue), recently made their way to George Mason University, to celebrate the founding of its own Confucius Institute. The prints, which feature ancient museum art relics and designated United Nations World Heritage Sites at the birthplace of Confucius, were bestowed on the University of Maryland by Shandong Pictorial Magazine, to mark UM President C.D. Mote Jr.’s founding of the first Confucius Institute in the United States.

During the opening ceremony of George Mason’s Confucius Institute, GMU President Alan Merten praised President Mote’s vision in establishing the first Institute in the U.S., and his work in China. A friendly banter between the two presidents ensued when Dr. Mote was asked to try on an elaborate dress of a Chinese minority tribe princess. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the unscripted moment. And for the record, Dr. Mote was a good sport.

The Confucius Exhibit was displayed at George Mason for two weeks; this fall, UM will lend the exhibit to institutions in New Jersey and New York that have an interest in learning about the importance of Confucius’ teachings in this modern age.

By Mike Ma, Confucius Exhibit Organizer/Professor of Entomology
This December, world leaders will convene in Copenhagen for the United Nations Climate Change Conference, to determine the path we all will take in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Creating such an action plan to combat climate change comes not a moment too soon, explained Dr. Matthias Ruth during his April lecture, “Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change.”

“It’s unequivocal humans have had a heavy hand in climate issues — but, if we act quickly, we can also have a heavy role in reversing it,” says Dr. Ruth, the Roy F. Weston Chair in Natural Economics at the UM School of Public Policy and Director of the Center for Integrative Environmental Research.

His talk was the fourth installment of the OIP-sponsored Strategies to Survive the 21st Century lecture series. Dr. Ruth began with a history of greenhouse gas emissions, which started to grow exponentially following the agricultural and industrial revolutions. Since then, emissions levels have steadily risen, trapping energy, catapulting temperatures and increasing the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, like droughts, heat waves and cold spells. Temperatures in 10 of the past 12 years have been the warmest in history — and this has a direct impact on public health, explains Dr. Ruth. “Climate change affects how we deal with the poor, the young, the sick, as every additional cold day or heat wave can affect mortality rates,” he says. “So, it’s not only an environmental issue, but a social problem as well.”

And this problem is something that may not have a quick fix. “Even if we cut our emissions to 0, that still means it will take hundreds of years for CO$_2$ levels to stabilize — we have already committed ourselves for hundreds of years,” he explains. “But if we don’t do something quickly, the system may reach a tipping point.”

Dr. Ruth urged the audience to take action, saying that small behavioral changes in our consumption and transportation choices may have a large impact on energy use. He also identified the policy arena as playing a pivotal role on the future. “Decision makers ultimately form the policies that impact emissions — so it’s vital to quantify the impact of climate change for such decision makers, for them to make informed decisions,” Dr. Ruth explains.

Dr. Ruth himself often conducts short courses for industry and policy decision makers, and has spent time in Germany, New Zealand and Puerto Rico exploring options to address the causes and impacts of climate change.

As a result of research by scientists like Dr. Ruth, an increasing number of world leaders are beginning to tackle climate change. As of January 2009, 183 countries have signed the Kyoto Protocol, an environmental treaty that commits countries to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

“Ultimately, as a country, we have to move ahead and be a good example in terms of putting in place policies and strategies that positively impact climate change,” Dr. Ruth says. “And the world has to collectively live up to its responsibility; it is a global era of responsibility.”
RECORD NUMBER OF UM STUDENTS EARN FULBRIGHTS

Six students will set off around the world this Fall to research and teach

Sending one or two student Fulbrighters abroad each year is certainly impressive. Sending a half dozen? A new University record, says the UM National Scholarships Office.

“We are excited by the rapidly growing interest across campus in the Fulbright program and the wonderful opportunities it provides for international living and learning,” said Jonathan Auerbach, professor of English and Maryland’s student Fulbright Program advisor. “Maryland’s six successful candidates will be pursuing ambitious and varied projects in physics, education, history and business in five different countries - these are sure to be transformational experiences.”

This coming fall, the students will set out to destinations across the globe, including Spain, Germany, Austria, Cambodia, and Korea. Four will spend their year researching, while two will teach English as part of the English Teaching Assistantship program.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, provides approximately 1,500 research and English teaching awards per year. Fellowships are awarded to recent alumni and graduate students based on a number of factors, including outstanding academic or professional achievement, and proven leadership potential. The program is designed to spark personal enrichment and a free-flowing exchange of ideas with other nations.

“I think that my perspective will change a lot while I am in Germany because I have been brought up only in the American culture. I want to see more of the possibilities and lifestyles that are out there,” says Christine Finke, who was awarded one of the Teaching Assistantships. “I hope to bring back new perspectives on the way a person can live their life; fluency in German; a better understanding of German culture; and a more open mind.”

For more information on the Fulbright U.S. Student Program and other such awards, visit scholarships.umd.edu

JACQUELINE FOELSTER
Business Administration student, who will study social entrepreneurship in Cambodia. Foelster spent a summer in Argentina on UM’s “Politics of Globalization” course.

HEATHER SEE
Doctoral student in Human Development, who will spend a year in Spain researching preschool education.

ANDREW BALLARD
Chemistry and Biochemistry doctoral student, who will travel to Austria to study simulations of biological systems.

CHRISTINE FINKE
English major, who will teach in Germany. Finke also spent a summer in Tuebingen, Germany on UM’s short term study abroad program, “Germany: Tuebingen, Intensive Language & Culture.”

JEREMY BEST
History doctoral student, who will spend a year in Germany studying the role of German missionaries in 19th century imperial politics.

JOHN RIOS
Elementary Education major, who will teach English in Korea. Rios spent a winter term on the “Cultural Competence in Human Services – A Mexican Immersion Experience” program.
This summer’s mission to China reaffirmed the importance of Maryland in China (and of China to UM) and resulted in promptly bringing to College Park significant additional support for UM’s Confucius Institute (CIM) in the amount of a $1 million endowment; joint research projects in the sciences; Hanban funding for a new Center for Chinese Language Teacher Certification and Development (CCLTCD), a joint venture of the College of Education and CIM; innovative leadership programs for China’s higher education elite to begin this Fall; and, under the auspices of College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean Cheng-i Wei, a four-university consortium to create youth and community programming. The four universities include: UM; Beijing Normal University; Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University; and National Taiwan University. President Mote’s presentations on creating a culture of innovation truly struck a chord with China’s educational leaders – a pilot program on such an innovation initiative was enthusiastically and immediately approved, and will draw 24 deans and directors from Beijing Normal University to UM at the end of October.

**Beijing**

President Mote, accompanied by Dean Cheng-i Wei; Associate Provost for International Affairs Saúl Sosnowski; Director of International Programs in AGNR Ray Miller; and Kai Duh, Program Director of the China Research Park at UM ENGR’s Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute (MTech)—met in June with high-level government officials, beginning with the Vice Minister of Education, Chen Xi. Mote also met with Hanban’s Director Xu Lin, who oversees Confucius Institutes around the world, and with Mr. Ji Yunshi, General Director of the State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs, who approves both Chinese government proposals to send officials overseas for professional training, and also institutes that propose to offer such training (including UM’s Institute for Global Chinese Affairs). Capping President Mote’s round of visits to governmental leaders in Beijing was a meeting with Dr. Wan Gang, Minister of Science and Technology (MOST), and a visit to TORCH, MOST’s High Technology Industry Development Center. Other officials involved included TORCH Director General Liang Gui, and MOST Deputy Min Du. The delegation also met with Beijing Normal University Council chairperson, Madame Chuansheng Liu, and China Agricultural University’s President Ke Bingsheng. The visit to CAU afforded Pres. Mote and Dean Wei the chance to welcome incoming CAU students (and their parents) as part of the CAU-AGNR “2+2” program.

**Chengdu**

President Mote next journeyed to the giant panda preserve near Chengdu. Next year, UM students will travel to Chengdu to assist with Panda medical issues. The UM–Panda Base collaboration will be the feature story of the forthcoming Fall 2009 Vol. II edition of *Maryland International*.

The delegation also visited the Jiang’an campus of Sichuan University. Through the efforts of UM Prof. Michael Ma, SU has sent administrators for training at IGCA, hosted ongoing faculty visits and extended exchanges between Computer Science faculty. At Sichuan, Dr. Mote addressed a large audience on “Government, Business, and University Partners in the Knowledge Economy,” and met with Pres. Xie Heping and VP Shi Jian.

**Nanjing and Suzhou**

In Nanjing, Dr. Mote met with governmental officials and UM alumni, and with Southeast University leaders. A most auspicious meeting that will lead to even more extended collaborations with Jiangsu was held with Mr. Liang Baohua, Secretary of the Jiangsu CPC and former governor of the province, and with SEU President, Yi Hong. At nearby Suzhou, President Mote met Party Secretary Wang Rong, and then toured Suzhou Industrial park, seeking additional partners for UM’s China Research Park.

**Shanghai**

Prof. Ma joined President Mote for an extended meeting with leaders of the Chinese Academy of Sciences–Shanghai Branch to discuss the possibility of creating a joint Center of Insect and Plant research.

**By Joseph Scholten, Associate Director of OIP**
The University of Maryland has named Patricia Steele as its new Dean of University Libraries. She is a national leader in the Google Project and other efforts to digitize collections, creating wider access to universities’ information resources. Steele, described as a visionary and dynamic leader, currently directs the libraries at Indiana University Bloomington. She begins at Maryland on Sept. 1.

“Librarians offer an important voice in this emerging technology environment, and Maryland is an especially exciting place to work right now,” says Steele. “The University has a dynamic vision for the future and appreciates the role libraries can play in achieving it. We’ll be able to collaborate with top researchers on campus, and our enviable proximity to the nation’s capital will give great access to the many leadership organizations.”

“As the number three state in the nation for technology leadership,” Steele adds, “Maryland clearly respects the importance of access to information and knowledge transfer. I believe, in fact, that information access is an essential element helping to drive the state’s economy. Lots of seeds have been planted here, and I’m very impressed with what I’ve seen.”

Among Steele’s leadership activities:
- Member of the top-level academic library team renegotiating with Google the project to digitize and make freely available on the Web millions of books;
- As member of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a group of academic libraries working to incorporate academic collections in the Google Project, leads the effort to digitize the project’s first “collection of distinction”;
- Co-founded the HathiTrust, a shared digital library of leading research libraries;
- Founding board member of CLOCKSS – a joint venture between scholarly publishers and research libraries to preserve Web-based scholarly publications.

“Pat Steele is a major appointment for Maryland that will keep us at the leading edge of information. Her name is magic among librarians because she has led academic libraries through the changing technological landscape.”

- UM President C.D. Mote, Jr.

Steele, the current Ruth Lilly Dean of University Libraries at Indiana University Bloomington, emphasizes that university libraries must collaborate with units across campus, serving as a catalyst for change in the production, distribution and preservation of scholarly output. She also sees a teaching role for libraries, “assuring the information fluency” of students.

“I am excited about this appointment and confident that our libraries will continue to flourish under Dean Steele’s capable leadership,” says UM Provost Nariman Farvardin. “Her vision for what a research university library can and should be will help us solidify our standing as a regional and national leader in the information economy.”

Steele’s appointment also draws approval from the national Association of Research Libraries’ Executive Director, Charles Lowry, formerly UM’s Dean of University Libraries. “Pat’s selection is welcome news,” Lowry says. “She brings deep experience as a research library leader at Indiana and has contributed enormously to leading-edge library collaborations. It’s always comforting to know that a member institution has found stellar leadership. It is doubly so for me personally that Maryland has.”
Donald Kettl, a widely sought after expert on reshaping government, will bring his vision and leadership to the UM as the new Dean of the School of Public Policy, which he says is uniquely suited to help government and future leaders cope with the current round of unprecedented problems.

According to Kettl, who most recently authored *The Next Government of the United States*, the election of President Barack Obama and the convergence of global challenges such as the financial collapse and climate change make this an extraordinarily important and exciting moment to lead a public policy school at a major research university. These factors, he says, make Maryland’s School of Public Policy (MSPP) exactly the right school to lead at this moment in history. “If I were to design a school from scratch to meet today’s unprecedented global challenges, it would look pretty much like what the Maryland School of Public Policy is now,” Kettl says. “It’s uniquely suited to grapple with the overwhelming policy challenges facing government. I’m enormously impressed by all the school has accomplished and where it can go.”

Maryland’s unique mix of strengths includes what he calls its “perfect D.C. geography” – adjacent to the nation’s halls of power, with just enough distance to maintain perspective; its extensive, interdisciplinary resources as the region’s only major public research university, the school’s focus on solutions to big issues and major policy challenges rather than on bureaucratic mechanics; an academic approach that seamlessly integrates domestic and international policy; and faculty with a tremendous mix of practical and academic experience and expertise.

“Some have called Don the leading government management scholar of his generation,” says C. D. Mote, Jr., president of the University of Maryland. “He brings a dynamism and vision that will help lift the School of Public Policy to an even higher level of excellence and prominence.”

UM Provost Nariman Farvardin announced Kettl’s appointment. “Our School of Public Policy has created a unique position of excellence,” Farvardin says. “To have a scholar of Don’s stature and vision as dean will further energize a school that’s already highly-ranked and highly-productive and help bring it much deserved recognition. His appointment has generated a great deal of excitement.”

Both Farvardin and Kettl want to expand the school’s partnerships and cross-disciplinary research with science, engineering, business and social science researchers on campus. For example, Kettl adds that he’s already begun conversations with the dean of the university’s Robert H. Smith School of Business. “With the policy issues surrounding the bank bailouts and the economic stimulus, this is a natural area for collaboration.”

Kettl currently is a professor of political science and the Robert A. Fox Professor of Leadership at the University of Pennsylvania. He is also a nonresident senior fellow of the Brookings Institution. He previously served as executive director of the Century Foundation’s Project on Federalism and Homeland Security, and academic coordinator of the Government Performance Project for the Pew Charitable Trusts.

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- UM President C.D. Mote, Jr.