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### **A Delegation from South Korea's Ajou University Signs an Academic Exchange Agreement with UIBE**

On June 9th, 2009, UIBE's new President Shi Jianjun met with a Korean delegation headed by Ajou University's (AU) President Moon Ho Shu, they jointly signed an Academic Exchange Agreement between the two universities.

Extending a warm welcome to Mr. Moon Ho Shu, President of AU, Mr. Man Gyu Pak, Vice President



of AU, and Mr. Dong Yeol LEE, Director of the International Affairs Department, UIBE's President Shi Jianjun suggested that AU and UIBE undertake a cooperation and exchange in financial engineering, as both universities have faculty and research advantages in this field. He said he was honored to sign the cooperation and exchange agreement with AU, especially as it was on the second day in his new function as President of UIBE. He hoped a project implementation agreement would be quickly established for the effective implementation of the exchange agreement as soon as possible.

President Moon Ho Shu stated that UIBE is considered to be a university with a high level of internationalization, as it offers its Chinese and international students many classes in English.

In a previous meeting between the AU delegation and Vice President Lin Guijun, both parties had outlined the faculty, teaching program, and research each university had to offer for the eventual cooperation and exchange agreement. It was expected that the two universities would carry out further discussions for the exchange of students (especially for students looking to receive a diploma), teachers and administrative staff, as well as cooperative research and sharing of academic information.

Mr. Cao Hongyue, Dean of the School of International Education (SIE), Mr. Xia Haiquan, Deputy Director of International Cooperation and Exchange Office, and Mr. Xu Yongbing, Assistant Dean of School of Foreign Studies (SFS) attended the signing ceremony. During the visit, the AU delegation also held a working meeting with the School of International Education (SIE) on specific exchange programs.

Established in 1973, Ajou University is a comprehensive university in Suwon, Gyeonggi Province offering majors such as engineering, information technology, management, medicine, law, humanities & natural science. Guided by the education philosophy of, "People Oriented, Seeking truth from facts, one world", this highly internationalized university enrolls many teachers who have an overseas education background, providing 12% of its classes totally in English. There are nearly 14,000 students enrolled at AU, including 3,500 graduate students, and 500 foreign students from more than 50 countries. AU consists of nine schools, one graduate school, nine special graduate schools and sixteen research institutes. This young private university developed rapidly in the past decade as it took the lead with the introduction of a professor performance evaluation system, with appraisal & comparison of teaching, and an ambitious campus informatization system. AU was ranked 15th in the 2008 comprehensive ranking of Korea universities.

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