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### The Process of SITE's PhD External Assessment Program Begins

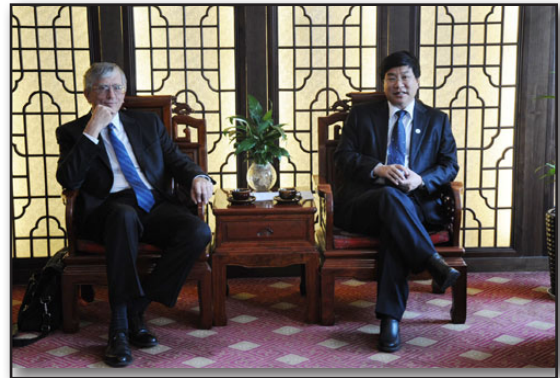
On November 10, President Shi Jianjun and Vice President Lin Guijun met with three US professors of Economics, who responsible for assessing UIBE's PhD program.

The International Standard Certification of the university, and in particular the graduate programmes, are as important as Enterprise Standard Certifications, said President Shi. What is more, the participation of foreign experts in the PhD assessment would certainly improve of quality of education at UIBE. Then Vice President Lin Guijun discussed the fourteen parts of the PhD Program.



Professor John Siegfried, head of the expert panel mentioned the three-day PhD assessment is also an opportunity to work with Chinese experts from the School of International Trade and Economics (SITE). The members of the US assessment panel are: Dr. John Siegfried, Professor of Department of Economics at Vanderbilt University; Dr. Tong Li, Director of the Department of Economics at Vanderbilt University; Dr. Keith Maskus, Economics Professor and Associate Dean of School of Arts and Sciences at University of Colorado; Dr. Douglas Pearce, Professor

of Department of Economics at North Carolina State University; Dr. Susan Chunzhu, Associate Professor of University of Michigan.



The assessment of the PhD program will last for three days, from November 11 to November 13. Professor Siegfried presiding over the assessment. Professor Siegfried served as the Secretary-General of American Economic Association from 1997 to 2000. Among other things he is now council member of the National Bureau of Economic Research (US), member of American Council of Learned Societies, and member of American Economics Education Union. He is a world famous economics scholar, especially in the field of the economics of education, and specifically the field of PhD education, he is also experienced Economics PhD assessments.

On the basis of the self-assessment report submitted by UIBE, the expert panel will launch a comprehensive investigation on the proposed fourteen parts of the PhD Program. The fourteen parts are: objectives, student quality, student quantity, curriculum, term, financial aid to the students, research facility and institute, books and electronic information resources, qualification tests and thesis proposal, publication of thesis, the employment of student, interdisciplinary studies, learning atmosphere and direction, and opportunity and challenge.



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The panel has held in-depth interviews with over seventy percent of the teachers and students of the PhD program, in other words, more than thirty teachers and seventy program students. In addition, the experts will analyze the sample program tests and comprehensive tests, so that they can have a detailed knowledge of the PhD program, which will help the experts make better suggestions.

The expert will submit its findings the comprehensive assessment report on UIBE's PhD program in four weeks.