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Vice Provost of Princeton University Visited UIBE

On the 2nd to 3rd of November, Professor Diana Davis, Vice Provost of Princeton University visited UIBE on invitation. Shi Jianjun, President of UIBE and Lin Guijun, Vice President of UIBE respectively met with her. Wang Lifei, Dean of School of Foreign Studies at UIBE; Diao Fengcheng, Specially-Appointed Professor of UIBE and Xia Haiquan, Director of Department of International Cooperation and Exchange attended the meeting.

President Shi began with his speech with a welcome address to Professor Davis. Then he gave the visiting professor some knowledge of UIBE, such as the motto, characteristic and developing goal of UIBE. He said, UIBE attaches great importance to international cooperation, since the exchange with overseas universities can stimulate the improvement of the teaching and researching level of UIBE, which will make UIBE a world-class university. UIBE would like to become an outstanding university of high level and characteristics in its specialty where its superiority lies, rather than become a big university with comprehensive disciplines.

Professor Davis agreed with President Shi. Princeton University is goal-oriented especially in carrying out international cooperation and exchange, said Professor Davis, and the teachers and students should be the mainstream of international cooperation where they could bring their initiatives and creativity into full play, while the universities and colleges should constantly improve the system and provide various kind of resource to make the transnational academic activity available and possible. The Global Scholar project and Global Collaborative Research Fund project launched by Princeton University are proven to be

fruitful which draws many abroad scholars every year to give lectures or do subject study with the teachers of Princeton University, Professor Davis introduced.



Vice President Lin then discussed the details of cooperation with Professor Davis. Lin introduced the teaching work and scientific research of UIBE as well as the international cooperation and exchange, mainly on the study program of translation and cross-cultural communication as well as the education program for abroad students and international promotion of Chinese. After that Lin welcomed the teachers and students of Princeton University to UIBE for visit or academic exchange. As a specialist in Comparative Literature, Professor Davis showed great interest on the study program of Translation especially on the UIBE-EU training program of senior interpreter in which she hopes the teachers and students of Princeton University could be involved and carry out the cooperation of teaching and research in relevant fields with School of Foreign Studies of UIBE. Later she recommended with passion some world famous scholars in cross-cultural communication and Second Language Acquisition, some of whom could be involved in the assessment of teaching material of Business Chinese. Professor Davis thought the scholars of UIBE could extend direct connection to the teachers of Princeton University for joint application of the Global Scholar project and Global Collaborative Research Fund project. Moreover, the two parties probed



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the possibility to the exchange of students, which in their consensus could be implemented in Humanities, in particular, the exchange of graduate students of language major.

Dr. Diana Davis studied for bachelor degree of Politics & Slavic Language and Literature in Indiana University and earned herself Doctor Degree of Comparative Literature in University of Rochester. She is an advisory board member of American Council of Education Internationalization and member of Association of International Education Administrator. In April 2008 she began to serve as the Vice Provost of Princeton University in charge of foreign affairs. Her work is to formulate and revise the policies relating to foreign affairs to make Princeton University keep up with the international development. At the same time, she is the secretary-general of council of International teaching and research at Princeton University, responsible for leading and promoting the international exchange.

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