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Dominican University of California and China's Hebei Institute of Foreign Languages (HIFL) announced plans December 10 to explore educational and research exchange opportunities between the institutions.

Dominican President Mary B. Marcy welcomed a delegation from Hebei Province to Dominican to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to pursue common interests and joint endeavors between Dominican and [HIFL](#).

"The agreement we are signing today represents the beginning of an important collaboration that will contribute to the efforts of both institutions to prepare students to fully participate as global students," President Marcy said.

The guests from China included Ding Guosheng, President of HIFL; Yang Xuegong, Director of Education for the City of Qinhuangdao; Wang Jingyan, Associate Dean of the International Business Program at HIFL; and Shan Yingchun, Dean of Early Childhood Education at HIFL. Gary Phillips, the Mayor of the City of San Rafael, also attended the signing.

Options being explored by both institutions are joint education programs such as 2+2 programs, further education of Chinese students at Dominican after their graduation from HIFL, and the exchange of students and faculty for scholarly purposes, including short-term programs in China for Dominican students, the first of which will take place this summer.

Founded in 1906, HIFL is a public institution of 7,000 students with a strong emphasis on foreign languages instruction and professional education. The institute currently offers courses in English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Korean, Japanese and Arabic. It also offers specializations in 23 different areas, including business, education, media broadcasting and production, logistics management, and musical education.

HIFL has established international exchanges and co-operations and with institutions from Kyrgyzstan, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Korea, Germany, France, Japan, and Singapore.