

Shanghai Mental Health Center and Palo Alto University Cooperate in a Global Masters Program in Counseling – China

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PAU cooperates with Shanghai Mental Health Center, School of Medicine Jiao Tong University on Global Online M.A. Counseling Program — China

In November 2014, the Shanghai Mental Health Center and Palo Alto University cooperated in establishing a Masters Program in Counseling - China. The signing ceremony was held at the Shanghai Mental Health Center (SMHC) and Chun-Bo Li, vice president, presided over the ceremony. Also attending the ceremony were Dr. Bill Froming, Provost at PAU, Dr. Xu Yifeng, Professor and President of SMHC, Dr. Zhao Min, deputy party secretary, Dr. Wang Zhen, director of the Department of Research and Education, Dr. Qiu Jian-Yin, deputy director of the Department of Clinical Psychology, Dr. Cheng Wen-hong, deputy director for the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (all employed by the Shanghai Mental Health Center), and other related personnel.

At the signing ceremony, both sides discussed and exchanged comments about cooperation in some detail. President Professor Xu Yifeng extended a warm welcome to PAU Provost Bill Froming on behalf of the mental health counseling Masters project. President Xu Yifeng said: "Shanghai Mental Health Center and Palo Alto University will work together to train students in compliance with international standards. We are familiar with the new generation of workers in local psychological counseling, and we will deliver high quality consultants and psychological services for China to build a mental health system. With a Chinese person in charge of the project, Shanghai Mental Health Center will provide organization and resources, and clearly the executor of the project will carefully implement the project, and hire a number of European and American psychological trainers to provide students with clinical supervision. On the basis of this project, the Shanghai Mental Health Center also hopes to further collaborate with PAU in both cooperation and exchanges."

Also at the signing ceremony, Dr. Froming said: "I am glad to establish a long-term cooperative relationship with Jiao Tong University School of Medicine's Shanghai Mental Health Center, which provides an excellent education. With its rich and diverse community of services and other resources, the Shanghai Mental Health Center is an ideal clinical base for students to receive the best clinical training and supervision. Familiar with and appreciative of Chinese culture, PAU has been involved in Chinese mental health care, education and training in the field of clinical psychology. Development and implementation of this project will help promote and regulate the training of domestic counseling staff and through continuing education will help to train a number of counselors with a more solid foundation, and then to provide clients with high-quality counseling services."



Attendees at Shanghai Mental Health Center (SMHC) and PAU MOU Signing Ceremony, November 2014, regarding Global Masters in Counseling — China

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