

DFL Weekly SITREP (21 JAN 11)

Current Week HIGHLIGHTS:

1. **Hosting Visitors:** DFL's Chinese section hosted the President of Fu Jen University (Taipei, Taiwan), Bernard Li, and his official delegation from 13-15 January. West Point maintains a robust semester abroad program relationship with Fu Jen University and currently four cadets are studying Chinese there. The University President met with the Superintendent, Dean, Acting Department of Foreign Languages Head, Colonel David DiMeo, and had lunch at the Cadet Mess with the fall semester Fu Jen semester abroad cadets.



Fu Jen University semester abroad cadets after dining with the Fu Jen University delegation at the Cadet Mess. From left to right are: Dr. Chi-Feng Hung, Cadet Jeffrey Lee, Cadet Ronald Medina, President Bernard Li, Cadet Michael Kerper, Vice President Lucia Lin, Ms. Terri Yueh, and Cadet Antonio Saw.

2. **Staff and Faculty Development and Recognition:** The DFL faculty are working on presentations for academic works in anticipation of this year's DFL Mentorship Colloquium, which will be held 22-25 February 2011. The DFL Mentorship Colloquium was created to encourage the academic research of new scholars in the Department of Foreign Languages, to cultivate mentoring relationships between senior and rotating faculty as well as to provide a forum for a mutual sharing of ideas. The Colloquium also provides DFL faculty the opportunity to develop and polish new works in preparation for professional conferences and publication.
3. **Academic Trips:** The Chinese Language Club begins its semester activities with an 18 January coordination meeting. Among its planned spring activities are a trip to participate

in the East Coast Asian American Student Union Conference in Amherst, Massachusetts and a trip to Washington DC, the Pentagon, Chinatown, and Arlington National Cemetery. The Portuguese Language Club will also begin its coordination this week for language and culture activities throughout the semester.

4. Upcoming Key Events

- a. From 25-28 January, DFL's Chinese section will host the Chinese Military Academy's official annual visit to West Point. The event will include a few Taiwanese cadets so that they see what cadet life is like at West Point. The accompanying Chinese Military Academy Chief of Staff and a Battalion Commander are planning to have office calls with the Superintendent, the Dean, the Commandant, the Department of Military Instruction, the Department of Physical Education, and the Department of Foreign Languages. The delegation will also observe some early Sandhurst team training as Taiwan is sending a team to participate in West Point's Sandhurst competition this year.
- b. West Point's second annual International Day will take place on 26 January at 1800 on the third floor of Thayer Hall. The International cadets who study here at the United States Military Academy will be honored and given an opportunity to display cultural items and foods from their respective countries around the world. This event complements the language and cultural awareness training that all cadets receive through DFL and further strengthens our cadets' ability to think and problem solve from a global perspective.
- c. The Vice President of the Helmut Schmidt University (HSU) in Hamburg, Professor Dr. Klaus Beckman, will visit West Point from 31 January to 2 February 2011. He will be accompanied by Dr. Martin Nassua (Director of the International Office for the University) and LTC Ulrich Hegner (Commander of the German Students). Both Dr. Nassua and LTC Hegner have played pivotal roles in our cadet exchange with the HSU, providing for our cadets academically, physically and militarily. During their visit, we will give them an introduction to West Point as well as discuss current and future cooperation.
- d. On 6-9 February, MG (ret) Loeffke, his longtime Chinese friend Mr. LIU, and Mr. Mumford (West Point graduate, served in Vietnam as Army Engineer, current head of Washington Group Consultants) will conduct an official visit to West Point to speak to cadets about Beijing's modern engineering construction and observations from MG Loeffke's recent trip throughout China. During the visit, Mr. Mumford will conduct a briefing and a discussion with the cadets of the Civil Engineering capstone course.
- e. On 7-9 February, Dr. LIU, Fuhua the Vice Director of Jilin University's International Language College, and the Chinese Language and Culture Department Dean will visit West Point to discuss the Academy's Chinese language semester abroad program there and to observe a few Chinese language and culture classes.