OBSERVERS ARRIVE

The fourth group of Chinese Physicians have crossed the Pacific to participate in an EVC Observership exchange program based on the MOU signed in 2014 between the Health Human Resources Development Center (HHRDC) of the National Health and Family Planning Commission of China and the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The program was designed for the promotion of an academic exchange between China and US medical personnel. Distinguished Chinese physicians and surgeons have been selected to visit, observe clinical medicine and learn about the American health care system here at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OIP TEAM

The outcome of the recent US presidential election has raised concerns from citizens and internationals. If at any time while at KUMC you are apprehensive about your well-being, or if you or not having a positive experience as a member of the KUMC community, please contact the OIP team as we are here to support you and advocate for you.

The Office of International Programs is dedicated to fulfilling its mission of International Educational Exchange. Our team firmly believes in our Vision Statement “In an interdependent world, International Programs believes it is essential for students, faculty and staff to have the opportunity to become personally and intellectually familiar with the people, ideas and customs of other nations. Such interaction not only promotes a universal perspective and intellectual growth, but it also contributes to the cultural and economic well-being of the university, the state and the nation.”

OIP desires a positive cultural, educational, and professional experience for you during your tenure at KUMC.

ISI PARTIES

December 2 and 3, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
The party is on both evenings to accommodate everyone, pick the best night for you!

Register at http://bit.ly/2fikFQg
Dr. Tom & Dr. Anne Kettler’s home
9821 Sagamore Rd., Leawood, KS 66206

Need a ride? Meet at 6:30pm at Dykes Library on 39th St. Come experience a warm and festive American Christmas with us at an American home with other international students, scholars and American ISI volunteers. Come get a “taste” of what Christmas in America is all about.

There will be great food (appetizers and desserts), Christmas Carols, special music, including talking about Christmas - both the real “Reason for the Season” as well as the fun cultural aspects of it.

TRAVELLING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Check-in with OIP prior to travelling abroad
We would like to remind you to stop by the Office of International Programs prior to travelling internationally. It is mandatory that all F and J visa holders obtain a travel signature on their I-20 or DS-2019 documents before traveling outside of the United States. Please come in during our “walk-in” hours M-F, 9:30 am–4:00 pm or contact aharkins2@kumc.edu for an appointment today!

DID YOU KNOW?

Student Counseling and Educational Support Services offer FREE opportunities to help you succeed!
- Psychological Services
- Educational Support Services
- Psychiatric Services
- Writing Services
For more information visit http://www.kumc.edu/student-services/counseling-and-educational-support-services.html.
Thank you to everyone who participated in International Education Week 2016. It was wonderful to see you at the events! Here are some pictures from the week.

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**RECEPTION & TALK WITH SAUDI ARABIAN AUTHOR**

Tuesday, December 6th  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Helzberg Auditorium  
Kansas City Central Library,  
14 W 10th St, Kansas City, MO

5:30-6:30 p.m. Reception featuring catered food from Pierponts & an open bar serving beer & wine  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Talk with Guest from Saudi Arabia: Yasser Bahjatt, Science Fiction Author, Writer, Publisher & Tech Whiz

Author Yasser Bahjatt, founder of the trailblazing League of Arabic SciFiers and author of the 2015 novel Yaqteenya: The Old World, explores the social & creative role of science fiction in the Arab World and its potential to transform. Drawing on his background in technology, his experiences developing a creative engine for science fiction in Saudi Arabia, and his own writings, this talk explores his theory that no technological advance in the last 200 years was born on an original thought, but that all new technology can be traced to its inception in a science fiction novel. Yasser has forwarded discussions on the scientific concepts found in the Holy Quran, on commercial drones, on alternative histories, and on eSports in the Middle East.

RSVP for this **FREE** Event at http://bit.ly/2fDHf65

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**SAVE THE DATE: KUMCIO SILENT AUCTION**

Evening of Friday, January 6, 2017  
Beller Conference Center  
KU Medical Center International Outreach (KUMCIO) provides students with an interest in International Health an opportunity to work with underserved communities abroad.

Your $10 Admittance Gets You:  
- Entry to the Silent Auction  
- Food and Drink throughout the evening

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**OIP CLOSED**

In observance of the Winter Holidays, OIP will be closed on the following dates:  
Monday, December 26, 2016  
Monday, January 2, 2017