



In November 2004, Lou Anna K. Simon, then MSU president-designate, addressed the Global Food Safety Forum in Beijing. Here she is seated with Sun Xiaoyu, vice president of the Development Research Center (left) and Ma Enzhong of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (right).

In a November 2004 ceremony in Beijing, MSU President Designate Lou Anna K. Simon, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean Jeffrey Armstrong, and Zhai Huqu, president of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) renewed the MSU-CAAS memorandum of understanding to foster cooperation between the two institutions in education and research. This relationship is a prominent part of a broader MSU initiative to extend relationships with Chinese institutions, extensively covered in the spring 2003 issue of this publication (visit [www.isp.msu.edu/international/03/pdf/INTL03.pdf](http://www.isp.msu.edu/international/03/pdf/INTL03.pdf)).

In addition to the renewed institution-level commitment, Ewen C. D. Todd, director of MSU's National Food Safety & Toxicology Center (NFSTC), and Ye Zhihua, director general of the CAAS Institute

of Agricultural Quality Standards and Testing Technology, signed an agreement to establish a research laboratory at CAAS. Joint research on food safety policy, risk management, testing technology, and personnel training will be undertaken at this lab. MSU and CAAS have been awarded a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct joint food safety research.

The signing of these agreements coincided with the Global Food Safety Forum in Beijing in November. MSU was the sole university sponsor of the forum. A number of MSU administrators participated in the forum, including Acting Provost Designate and Dean of International Studies and Programs John Hudzik, Dean of Veterinary Medicine Lonnie King, Associate Dean of International Studies and Programs and Center for Advanced Study of

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International Development Director Jeffrey Riedinger, and Institute of International Agriculture Director Dan Clay. President Designate Simon delivered a plenary session keynote address, an overview of food safety programs at MSU.

Additional sponsors of the forum included the Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, China's Ministry of Science and Technology, China's Ministry of Commerce, the Canadian International

Development Agency, the World Health Organization, and the World Bank. MSU's involvement in the forum was part of an ongoing collaboration with the DRC involving many MSU faculty with expertise in various aspects of food safety.

For more information about food safety research at MSU, visit the NFSTC website at [www.foodsafe.msu.edu](http://www.foodsafe.msu.edu)

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1980 MSU China Mission



COURTESY OF MSU ARCHIVES AND HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

In 1980 MSU sent a sizeable contingent of faculty and administrators to China to pursue academic linkages between MSU and a number of Chinese universities. This photograph of MSU and Chinese university colleagues was taken at the University of Chengdu, Sichuan Province. The mission resulted in a number of faculty and student exchanges as well as academic and research relationships between several MSU units and their counterparts at the Chinese institutions. The mission was headed by ⑤ ISP Dean Ralph Smuckler, who is between two unidentified Chinese hosts. Others participating in the delegation were also seated in this photograph: ① Dean Alan Hollingsworth, College of Arts and Letters; ② Harold Riley, chair of the Department of Agricultural Economics; ④ Warren Cohen, director of the Asian Studies Center with his wife, ③ Janice; ⑥ Dean James Anderson, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; ⑦ Sylvan Wittwer, director of MSU's Agricultural Experiment Station; ⑧ Bernard Gallin, chair of the Department of Anthropology; and ⑨ William Tai, Department of Botany and Plant Biology, who was the "in-country" coordinator of the trip.