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TAIWANESE SCHOLARS TO VISIT UCSB'S COLLEGE OF CREATIVE STUDIES

Nine Taiwanese scholars will visit the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara on Thursday, Dec. 5 as part of an international mission to find new ways to promote student creativity.

The delegation, which includes professors from a variety of disciplines and universities in Taiwan, will discuss the unique philosophy of the college with UCSB Chancellor Henry Yang and College of Creative Studies Provost William Ashby, as well as meet with students and faculty. Delegates will also see student projects in computer science and art, and have been invited to visit some of the college's classes.

"The College of Creative Studies is unique in the University of California," said Ashby. "Its only focus is a small group of specially selected undergraduate students who are both bright and deeply committed to pursuing advanced and independent work.

"I hope our guests will gain an understanding of the philosophy and structure of the college."

The group is visiting universities and other organizations in the United States and Japan on its journey and will prepare a report on its findings for Taiwan's Ministry of Education.

According to delegation leader Wu Jing-jyi, executive director of the Foundation for Scholarly Exchange and an education advisor to the Taiwan government, Taiwanese educators have heard about the College of Creative Studies at academic conferences and consider it "a good example of what we can aim for."

"People were very impressed," said Wu, "so we decided to try to arrange a visit."

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