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No Man is an Island

Greetings from the Office of International Education (OIE). The COVID-19 Coronavirus has disrupted our lives. For many the enormous economic impact is significant. The grave personal threat that the virus poses to our health and safety is very real. This past week, the grave danger that COVID-19 poses hit close to home for us. A friend of Ferris International passed away in Dearborn after battling the virus.

Milan Stevanovich passed away after battling the Coronavirus at the Beaumont Dearborn Hospital after valiantly fighting for more than two weeks. Milan was the Vice President of Global Strategy and spokesperson for the Detroit Chinese Business Association. We had partnered with him to collaborate on strengthening the COB China Study Abroad program. He visited us this summer to discuss how we could deepen our partnership in connecting our students with Chinese businesses in Michigan. Milan was a kind, generous man who worked tirelessly bridging the two cultures through collaboration. We are deeply saddened for his family. His passing away reminds us of John Donne's poem:

For Whom the Bell Tolls

No man is an island,
 Entire of itself.
 Each is a piece of the continent,
 A part of the main.
 If a clod be washed away by the sea,
 Europe is the less.
 As well as if a promontory were.
 As well as if a manor of thine own
 Or of thine friend's were.
 Each man's death diminishes me,
 For I am involved in mankind.
 Therefore, send not to know
 For whom the bell tolls,
 It tolls for thee.
 - John Donne

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Upcoming Events:

Under the Banyan: Virtual Global Conversations Series

On Thursday April 23rd at 11 AM EST, we will be speaking to our Dutch partners from Saxion University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands about the COVID-19 crisis in the Netherlands and how it has impacted their University and their personal lives.

Please join us using this zoom link every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 AM at URL: <https://zoom.us/j/98874271453>



Moment In Time:



Milan Stevanovich, Vice President of Global Strategy at Detroit Chinese Business Association, visited the Office of International Education last summer to explore collaborations on strengthening our China Study Abroad Program and our Global Competency Collaborative Certificate Program. College of Business Professor Alex Cartwright, who helped coordinate the China Study Abroad Program, joined the conversation along with OIE faculty and staff and international students from China. Milan's daughter, Chanel, joined him for the visit.



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