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**Top:** President Ann Weaver Hart confers a degree on a graduate of Temple University Japan.

**Bottom:** President Ann Weaver Hart (seated, left) signs a new education agreement with Nankai University President Zihao Rao. Standing, from left, Senior Vice Provost for International Affairs Hai-Lung Dai; Assistant Dean for Development and External Affairs Brooke Walker, *EDU '94*; Nankai University School of Law Dean Jingbo Xia; Nankai University Office for International Academic Exchanges Director Haiyan Gao; and Nankai University College of Medicine Dean Rong Xiang witness the signing.

## Temple Delegation Tours Asia

**I**N JUNE, President Ann Weaver Hart; Board of Trustees Chair Patrick J. O'Connor; trustees Solomon C. Luo, *MED '86*, and Joseph W. Marshall, *CLA '75, LAW '79*; Senior Vice Provost for International Affairs Hai-Lung Dai; Beasley School of Law Dean JoAnne Epps; Senior Vice President for Institutional Advancement David Unruh; and Senior Vice President and University Counsel George Moore, *LAW '76*, traveled to China and Japan in order to establish and renew educational partnerships; meet with students and alumni living in Asia; nurture collaboration with government officials and leaders in higher education; and preside over the Temple University Japan (TUJ) Commencement ceremony.

In Beijing, where Temple's Master of Laws (LLM) program is located, President Hart met with Tsinghua University Vice President Xie Weihe to extend the universities' education partnership—which includes Temple's LLM program in Beijing and promotes law student exchange—for another five years. The program, begun in 1999, was the first international law degree-granting program approved by both the Chinese Ministry of Education and the American Bar Association.

The Temple delegation also met with the vice minister of education, Xi Chen, to discuss opportunities to increase collaboration between Temple and other Chinese institutions, and President Hart met with Jon Huntsman, the U.S. ambassador to China. In addition, Temple leadership attended gatherings with nearly 100 alumni in Shanghai and Beijing, many of whom are graduates of the law program, including judges, prosecutors, legislative drafters, government officials and commercial lawyers.

"It was extremely gratifying to learn firsthand how our alumni are using their Temple Law School education in the workplace and are continuing to network among themselves and develop their practice areas," Epps says.

The tour also included stops in the Chinese cities of Shanghai and Tianjin. A new exchange program was established between Temple and Shanghai Jiao Tong University, a prestigious university in China noted for computer and information science and engineering.

In Tianjin, Philadelphia's sister city and the third-largest city in China, new exchange and dual bachelor's-master's degree programs that will begin accepting students in 2011 were established at Nankai and Tianjin Normal universities. Additionally, in Shanghai, the Temple delegation visited the Pennsylvania Center and met with Jimmy Yoh, a member of the Board of Visitors of the College of Science and Technology, to learn about the American expatriate experience and activities in higher education in China.

Temple's longtime presence in Asia began in Tokyo, where TUJ is located. Established in 1982, TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan. When the delegation arrived there, they met with members of the TUJ community and celebrated the achievements of 234 graduates at the campus's 2010 Commencement ceremony.

"Experiencing global education gives Temple students an invaluable life and educational experience," Dai says. "The Office of International Affairs will continue to help Temple students find new destinations for studying abroad—particularly in China, where a rapidly growing economy and rich culture are becoming ever-important parts of the world—and bring new international students to Temple campuses for a greater global experience." —*Maria Raha*