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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— A delegation from Beijing Union University (BUU) will visit Illinois Wesleyan University Feb. 6-15, marking one of the first faculty-student exchanges between the two universities since a formal partnership was established in 2012.

BUU Vice President Zhou Zhicheng will accompany music students and faculty from BUU to IWU. The students and faculty will work with IWU music students during their stay as part of the Illinois Wesleyan School of Music's sesquicentennial. The Chinese guests will also present a performance on Feb. 8 at Westbrook Auditorium and they will be part of IWU's Lunar New Year Celebration on Feb. 15.

The 2012 agreement between BUU and Illinois Wesleyan is part of IWU's efforts to provide more international opportunities for students through direct exchanges and study abroad programs, according to Provost and Dean of the Faculty Jonathan Green.

"As we strive to continuously improve our preparation of students for meaningful lives in a global society, opportunities for scholar and student exchanges will become ever more important," Green said when the agreement was signed. "Partnerships with colleagues like those at Beijing Union University create valuable opportunities for faculty and students at both institutions to enhance their understanding of each other and themselves while strengthening the international community of scholars."