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Most Taiwanese students want to spend some time in higher education studies in the United States.

The academic profession in Taiwan is a highly respected one, with salaries as good or better than those in many other professional fields.

A high percentage of faculty members in Taiwan received education in the United States.

Costs of attending public universities on Taiwan are modest.

In Hong Kong, good English is a requirement for entering college.

These were among observations of University of Toledo President Glen R. Driscoll on a recent visit to the island Republic of China and to Hong Kong to tour higher education facilities and discuss possibilities for student or faculty exchanges.

Shue Yan College in Hong Kong has exchange agreements with two universities in the U.S. After discussion with Dr. Henry Hu, president of the Hong Kong institution, Dr. Driscoll has asked Dr. William Free, UT vice president for academic affairs, to discuss such a student exchange plan with UT deans.

"Hopefully, such an exchange might be arranged as well as a faculty exchange," Dr. Driscoll said.

Dr. Driscoll spoke with perhaps 100 students at Shue Yan, a commuter university located in downtown Hong Kong.

Dr. Hu, as president of the 3,000-student school, is responsible for raising and managing funds, and supervising construction of new facilities. A vice

president is in charge of its academic matters. Dr. Hu, who was educated in England and in Paris, has a law degree and practices law.

Dr. and Mrs. Driscoll were not surprised to find Taiwanese industrious, polite, politically concerned, and well-informed on international affairs (professional persons and laborers as well).

As guests of the Taiwan Ministry of Education, the Driscolls toured two of its public universities--the National Taiwan University, the country's largest, and the national Chiao Tung University--plus Fujen University, a private Catholic institution.

The National Taiwan University, with 12,000 students has a broad-based undergraduate program and some graduate programs. Its president, Dr. Chen-Hsing Yen, is well known in the U.S. and will be visiting this country soon.

The Driscolls were dinner guests of Dr. Yen, as well as the Taiwan minister of education, Chu Hwei-Sen.

Dinner with Dr. Yen was a typical chinese banquet of about two hours with 16 or 17 courses. Other guests included the head of the Taiwan air force and an official corresponding to the attorney general of the United States, and professional people.

Craftsmanship, cleanliness, and beautiful landscaping stood out in Taiwan, where nearly every available inch of land is under cultivation, Dr. Driscoll noted.

The Driscolls also were guests of Harold and Alice Lash while in Taipei. Mr. Lash heads the Spicer Division of Dana Corp. there.

UT has about 20 Taiwanese students.