Lubin Offers MS in Accounting in China

The Lubin School of Business is offering a pilot MS in accounting program for students in Shanghai in conjunction with Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE). “This mutual endeavor provides an excellent opportunity for Chinese business professionals to study United States accounting, auditing and taxation,” said Dean Arthur L. Centonze. “The program is timely in light of China’s emergence in the global economy and specifically in its ties to U.S. business.” The program enables students in Shanghai, who are mainly working fulltime, to complete the identical program in which students participate at Pace University in New York. Courses are presented in English by Pace faculty, either in person in SUFE classrooms with SUFE support personnel and facilities, or via the Internet. Almost 40 individuals applied for admission to the pilot program and 12 were selected to form the initial class. Given the background and prior training of this particular cohort, it will take less than two years for the students to complete the required 37 credits in accounting and business communication. In the future, cohorts of between 15 and 25 students are expected to form every two years and spend time in New York City as part of the educational process. “We foresee rapid growth in the demand for talented accounting professionals in both China and the U.S.,” said Xin-Yuan Chen, dean of SUFE. “This program allows accounting professionals in China to expand their knowledge beyond China’s national borders and serves the growing market for accounting, auditing and taxation skills.”

The program received formal approval by the Chinese Ministry of Education and the Chinese Central Commission of Academic Affairs. The initial class participated in an opening ceremony in Shanghai. Attending the ceremony were professors and senior administrators of the Lubin School and SUFE in Shanghai and guests from KPMG, Shanghai National Accounting Institute, Ernst & Young Dahua, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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