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For Immediate Release:

CHINESE DIPLOMATS TO DISCUSS CHINA'S GOAL, INSPIRATIONS FOR U.S. RELATIONS

CHARLESTON – Eastern Illinois University's Public Policy Institute will present a series of forums featuring Chinese government representatives who will discuss China's goals and inspirations for future relations with the United States.

Zhijian Jin, consul of the People's Republic of China in Chicago, along with Vice Consul Faqiang Ren, will discuss China's world role during a forum beginning at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Effingham Room of the University Union. A question-and-answer session will follow.

At 7 p.m., Jin will present an address, "The Recent Developments in the People's Republic," with several Illinois state legislators in attendance as discussants. A question-and-answer session also will take place as part of this presentation, to be held in Eastern's Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Admission to both events is free and open to the public.

Jin, who received bachelor of arts degrees from both Beijing Foreign Languages University and the University of Iceland, has held his current position since 2001. Previously he serves as special assistant to the deputy foreign minister (undersecretary of state), 1999-2001; first secretary, Chinese Embassy in London, 1996-1999; section chief, Bureau of Western European Affairs, Chinese Foreign Ministry, 1993-1996; and third secretary, Chinese Embassy, Iceland, 1989-1993.

Both Jin and Ren have lived in Chicago for the past year.