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CHARLESTON, IL --President Daniel E. Marvin today termed the signing of an agreement between Eastern Illinois University and Hanyang University of Seoul, Korea, "a significant step forward in expanding Eastern's international exchange program." The document was formally signed during Marvin's educational tour of the Far East in late May.

Personal recognition came to Marvin when Hanyang, a prestigious university comprised of ten colleges and two graduate schools, presented him an honorary Doctor of Literature degree. The double diploma, printed both in English and Korean, bears the signatures of President O. W. Lee and Dr. Joon Kim, the university's founder, first president, and current Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

"This honor was bestowed by a high-quality institution," Marvin said, "and I am deeply appreciative. I was delighted to accept an invitation to receive the degree in person. Mrs. Marvin and I were treated with great courtesy and ceremony during our stay in Seoul."

The initial contact between the two universities was made through Dr. Ha Poong Kim, a faculty member in the Philosophy Department, and a relative of Hanyang's founder.

In general, the agreement calls for an exchange of faculty members and graduate students for learning, teaching or research, "with the number depending upon the resources available to support the program."

A first phase of the proposed exchange actually preceded the signing. Dr. Catherine Smith, Music Department, was teaching piano at the university when Marvin arrived.

Hanyang exchange agreement
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Hanyang, independently administered and financed, was founded in 1939. Its facilities today, Marvin said, include a university hospital and is among the most up-to-date in the nation. Its colleges include engineering, medicine, liberal arts and sciences, law and political science, education, music, commerce and economics, and physical education.