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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Professional relationships between Eastern Illinois University and universities in the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China have been reaffirmed and strengthened through a visit to the two countries by President Stanley Rives.

The agreement with National Kaohsiung Teachers' College (NKTC) in Taiwan and Northwestern Polytechnical Institute (NPU) on mainland China provides for faculty exchanges.

Rives, who was a guest of both China governments, said the programs have resulted both in academic benefits and cultural contacts for Eastern and the two international institutions.

While in Taipei, Eastern's president was a guest of the government at the inauguration of Chaing Ching-Kuo for his second term as President of the Republic of China.

Rives also delivered greetings from Charleston Mayor Clancy Pfeiffer to Chen Ching-Hsiung, mayor of Fang Shang City, Charleston's sister city in Taiwan. The president visited three other universities in Taipei and was a guest at a dinner given by seven Eastern graduates who live in Taipei.

He was honored at another dinner in Kaohsiung given by nine faculty members and students who have been at Eastern under the exchange system.

After meeting the new president of NKTC, Rives said, he found it interesting "that both the former president of NKTC and of EIU (Daniel E. Marvin, Jr.) are now in the banking business."

Most of his two weeks in the People's Republic of China was spent at NPU in the city of Xian where he discussed the exchange agreement with NPU officials.

Rives made these other points about his trip to mainland China:

--Massive new construction is underway in Peiping (Peking), particularly of apartment buildings and tourist hotels. The visit to the capitol city was made more impressive

by his lodgings at the new Flowering Hills Hotel, designed by the Chinese-American architect, I.M. Pei.

--Walking a portion of the Great Wall.

--Found a residue of good will from the visits of President Reagan and former President Nixon, and in Xian the same from the teaching visit to NPU of Dr. Glenn Williams, Vice President for Student Affairs at Eastern.

--Comparison of the two Chinas: Taiwan is economically more advanced than the People's Republic, but rapid strides are being made toward modernization and industrialization on the mainland.

--"Free markets are much in evidence in the People's Republic as an attempt by the government to find a way to motivate people toward higher levels of productivity."

--"It would be interesting to visit the mainland 10 years from now to see how the great experiment now going on to meld communism with what can only be described as capitalistic initiatives works out."

--"The most impressive economic models for the present in that area of the world still seem to me to be Japan and Hong Kong." (Rives briefly visited Hong Kong before going to mainland China).