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RAMAPO COLLEGE PROFESSOR RECEIVES FULBRIGHT TO HONG KONG

(Mahwah) – Dr. Ting Gong, a professor of political science at Ramapo College of New Jersey, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at City University of Hong Kong.

Gong plans to give lectures and develop curriculum at City University. In addition, the professor will conduct a research project on controlling corruption. Gong explains that Hong Kong was once an area of epidemic corruption. In response to public complaints, the government created an Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) that took tough measures to fight for corruption control. “Through effective policies and viable institutional mechanisms, Hong Kong has made itself one of the rare cases in controlling corruption with its success being acknowledged worldwide,” notes Gong.

As part of her grant, Gong plans to propose three courses that would contribute to the curricular development of City University -- *Contemporary Chinese Politics, Politics and Corruption* and *Research Methodology*. She notes that the Department of Public and Social Administration of the City University of Hong Kong has not offered courses on corruption. She says, “My scholarship on corruption and my comparative and institutional perspectives in teaching would help broaden students’ intellectual inquiry and provide them with a better understanding of political science and public administration.”

Gong is one of approximately 800 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 140 countries through the Fulbright Scholar Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas,

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the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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