



IPRC Plans Exchange Program in Climate Research and Training with National Taiwan University

Honolulu, December 3, 2007 - The International Pacific Research Center (IPRC) has been approached by the National Taiwan University (NTU) in its efforts to create international partnerships in climate and weather research. An exchange program for both faculty and graduate students is being planned together with the UH Meteorology Department. The program will first focus on NTU visitors to the University of Hawaii: NTU faculty research visits may range from one month to one year; NTU students will audit courses and participate in research at the IPRC, but receive their degree from NTU. The program could be in place as early as Spring 2008.

The partnership began in summer 2007 when NTU Atmospheric Science Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the IPRC and the Meteorology Department to collaborate in research on regional climate and the water cycle. Upon invitation by NTU, faculty from the IPRC and the Meteorology Department traveled to Taipei in early November for a workshop to discuss the details of the partnership and plans for the exchange program.

IPRC's setting in the mid-Pacific places it well to be a leader in climate and weather-related, collaborative research with Asian scientists and institutions. It is expected that more such IPRC exchange programs in climate research and education will follow with other Asian countries and regions.



At the Taipei November meeting from left Chun-Chieh Wu (NTU), Fei-Fei Jin (UHM Meteorology), Bin Wang (IPRC and Meteorology), Jay McCreary (IPRC Director), I.-I. Lin (NTU), Time Li (IPRC and UH Meteorology), Niklas Schneider (IPRC and UH Oceanography).