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Dear CALA Board members:

I am writing to let you know what a privilege and honor for me to represent CALA and to participate in CALA's Twenty-first Century Librarian Seminar Series program of 07. I was one of the three presenters of this seminar series held at Northeast Normal University in Changchun China in July. I feel it a great experience for me both professionally and personally.

The topics of my presentation include:

1. Academic library management: an overview and case study
2. Librarians professional development: evaluation and promotion
3. Libration instruction, outreach and information literacy
4. Library school Trend in US
5. Library consortia in US: a case study

This was certainly a great learning experience for me as well. I was most touched by the learning thirst of our Chinese counterparts. They were very attentive in our presentation and highly involved in discussion sections. During the breaks of presentations, I was surrounded by my Chinese colleagues with related and other questions including library insurance, management of mutli-campus libraries, copy-right and plagiarism issues in academic settings and libraries and more. And many of them expressed positive feedbacks. Personally, I felt I was very well welcomed and respected. Professionally, I felt I have learned, advanced and more developed through the presentations and discussions with my co-presenters and our Chinese colleagues.

Our university administration also acknowledged my participation in this seminar and considered it a positive and meaningful event. The news and picture of this seminar was published in our University wide Chronicle viewed by thousands of our faculty, librarians and staff across the America. As a result, CALA and CALA's mission become known to many more beyond Chinese and librarians communities! I am proud to be part of it.

The benefits and experience from this seminar are beyond the words. I wanted to thank you for initiating and organizing the seminar series. Not only will I look forward to participating more in presenting in future seminars, I will also assist to explore more opportunities to expand the seminars to other areas of China. As we used to say, the trip is hard but the future is bright!

Thank you!