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## **NEWS RELEASE For Immediate Release**

### **ITEEA Advises Chinese Technology Education Association on Teacher Preparation**

**RESTON, Virginia, January 12, 2012** – The International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) and the Chinese Technology Education Association (CTEA) have begun discussions pertaining to the preparation of technology education teachers for Chinese secondary schools. China does not currently prepare teachers to specifically address technology as happens in U.S. universities. While this may change in the future, at this time Chinese curriculum introduces students to technology via science teachers. Chinese leaders are currently considering whether teacher-preparation universities will include technology education as a major in the future.

Professional development discussions were a part of a meeting between Chinese leaders and ITEEA Executive Director, Dr. Kendall N. Starkweather, DTE, who in December spoke to a group of future technology teachers and leaders in Beijing. Dr. Starkweather's remarks can be found on ITEEA's website at [www.iteea.org/Resources/PressRoom/PowerPromiseTE.pdf](http://www.iteea.org/Resources/PressRoom/PowerPromiseTE.pdf). The next exchange of information will occur at ITEEA's Long Beach Conference, March 15-17, 2012 with an address by one of China's professional development leaders, Dr. Jianjun Gu of Nanjing Normal University. Dr. Gu will be the featured speaker at the annual International Luncheon during the conference where he will describe the status of Chinese technology education. Conference attendees are encouraged to attend this ticketed luncheon to learn more about their system of education.

ITEEA and CTEA have each established points of contact. In China, the contact is Sue Wang ([wangsu@cnier.ac.cn](mailto:wangsu@cnier.ac.cn)). Ms. Wang is an established leader in Chinese educational research and has traveled extensively throughout the United States visiting schools through an agreement with the SUNY-



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Buffalo Department of Technology and the Chinese Studies component of the university. Ms. Wang is also a scheduled speaker at the Long Beach Conference. Dr. Steve Macho, of SUNY-Buffalo, has been a primary Chinese contact with university work on technology education with these leaders.

For more information about ITEEA or Chinese technology education, go to [www.iteea.org](http://www.iteea.org) or email [iteea@iteea.org](mailto:iteea@iteea.org).