PUBA Professors Grandy and Pratt Attend NAPSIPAG Conference in Beijing, China

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Professors Chris Grandy and Dick Pratt, along with visiting scholar Tsedev Damiran, attended the second annual conference of the Network of Asia and Pacific Schools and Institutes of Public Administration and Governance, held between December 4-7, 2005, at the China National School of Administration in Beijing. Tsedev and Pratt presented a paper on institutional change in Mongolia since the Soviet departure, and Grand and Pratt gave a paper on innovations in structure and pedagogy in the PUBA program.

NAPSIPAG was created with strong support from the Asian Development Bank. Its mission is to build relationships among Asia-Pacific schools and institutes. The conference had about 200 attendees from 40 countries. There were sections on Enlarging Citizen Participation, Innovations in Governance and Public Service, and Strategies that Help or Hinder Societal Harmony. There was also a special section on Teaching.

After some discussion at the plenary session delegates decided to admit PUBA to the network as a full, rather than associate, member because of its strong Asia and Pacific links.

Dick and Akif Syed, a PUBA graduate, now with the National Training Institute in Pakistan.
Chris Grandy and Dick Pratt w/colleagues from the Academy of Management in Mongolia.

Conference delegates at the plenary session that adopted the organization’s new constitution.