# The Stanford Center at Peking University



Expanding Stanford's Role in Global Research and Education to China

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The Stanford Center at Peking University (SCPKU) is the university's headquarters for faculty and students engaged in research, teaching, training and outreach activities in China. SCPKU is located on the Peking University campus in Beijing's Haidian District, which is known for its rich intellectual community including top universities, research academies and government agencies. The 3400 square meter, tri-level center is designed as a resource for the entire Stanford community, providing collaborative spaces, offices and support services to facilitate the work of scholars and programs. SCPKU is a focal point for building academic and educational networks throughout East Asia, bringing together established researchers and a new generation of young scholars to create a vibrant and dynamic hub of intellectual exchange and collaboration.



#### **History and Mission**

The Stanford Center at Peking University represents the culmination of a long-term partnership between Stanford and Peking University (PKU). Stanford's relationship with China stretches back to the late 1970s, when the university began accepting Chinese graduate students. Stanford's relationship with PKU also has grown over the past several decades from an initial collaboration between the schools' Asian language departments to a wide range of joint research and academic exchanges. Recognizing the potential for a Stanford presence at PKU more than a decade ago, President Emeritus Gerhard Casper proposed a formal relationship that resulted in the creation of numerous academic exchanges between the two campuses. This relationship was taken to the next level with President Emeritus John Hennessy's vision of global outreach for Stanford and a multi-year effort led by Professors Jean Oi and Andrew Walder, with the support of former FSI Director Chip Blacker and the International Initiative. This effort forged the necessary partnerships with both PKU leadership and Stanford donors to establish a presence in China.

Strategically located on the Pacific Rim, Stanford is home to many of the world's leading scholars on Asia. The burgeoning interest among scholars from across the university in Chinabased activities makes SCPKU an ideal base of operations for multidisciplinary research, teaching, training and outreach activities in East Asia.

#### **Facilities**

SCPKU provides a productive work environment in a quiet academic setting that serves as an office for scholars or a home base for field research being carried out elsewhere in China. New opportunities for convenient academic dialogue and collaboration are possible given the proximity of Chinese scholars at PKU as well as many other high-profile research units and universities in and around Beijing.

**OFFICES AND WORKSPACES** Individual offices and workspaces can be reserved for long- or short-term visits. Spacious rooms are available for collaborative programs and permanent, multi-year programs may re-configure larger offices to match

### "SCPKU is Stanford's hub for China and East Asian activities...bringing together East and West." Jean C. Oi, SCPKU Director



their needs. Offices have standard amenities and access to services including internet access, fax and copy machines, and mailboxes.

**CLASSROOMS AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES** SCPKU offers a unique venue in an academic and scenic setting for Stanford-sponsored events. There are flexible and configurable spaces on all three levels that can accommodate classes, seminars, lectures, meetings, receptions and conferences.

### **On-Site Event Planning Services**

- Airport car service bookings
- PKU vehicle entrance permits
- · Catering and other dining arrangements
- Audio-visual
- Translation services
- Internet access
- Reprographic services
- Signage

#### **Courtyard Level**

Traditional gujian "Siheyuan" based courtyard buildings are constructed using classic Chinese techniques. Facilities include faculty offices, the Tang Scholars Hall, Stanford Trustees Boardroom and a fully-enclosed, landscaped courtyard.

#### Mezzanine Level

Modern, sleek spaces include a tiered classroom with adjoining soundproof simultaneous translation room, conference rooms with high-definition displays, large offices for research and collaboration, lounge area and open seating areas to encourage impromptu discussions.



#### Garden Level

This floor features the stunning Lee Shau Kee Grand Hall — an open, two-story atrium area accommodating events for up to 120 guests. Facilities also include a highly-immersive classroom for remote collaborations, conference rooms with high-definition displays and a dining area.

### Consider SCPKU When Establishing a Program in China

- Provides a productive working environment with Stanford amenities
- · Serves as a home base for field research elsewhere in China
- Optimizes the experience with an English-speaking staff
- Provides an opportunity for convenient academic discovery and collaboration with co-located PKU scholars as well as many other research units in and around Beijing

Those at Stanford doing work in or on China are encouraged to contact the SCPKU Management Team to learn about the range of opportunities for establishing an ongoing presence or holding periodic events at SCPKU.



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#### **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Stanford Center at Peking University plays a pivotal role in the vision of "taking Stanford to the world." SCPKU contributes directly to the University's mission to seek solutions to global problems and educate leaders from all corners of the world.

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