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Energy Program Draws Participants From China

NINETEEN ENGINEERS AND MANAGERS from China Three Gorges Project Corporation (CTGPC)—known for the construction of the world's largest hydropower dam located in the Xilingxia gorge—were the first participants in a new executive education program developed by the Lally School of Management & Technology.

The "Leadership for Innovation and Growth in the Energy Industry" program seeks to provide business professionals in the energy industry with "best management practices" by addressing leadership skills, emerging technology, innovation, and large-

scale project management.

Participants from CTGPC spent four months in a residency program at Rensselaer, which consisted of tailored academic coursework, corporate site visits, cultural experiences, and interaction with industry leaders.

"The need for an adequate supply of affordable, accessible, sustainable energy is the overarching issue of the 21st century. Achieving a sustainable global energy framework, capable of meeting the energy needs of citizens, without causing irreparable environmental damage, will require continued technological advances,

and business management practices," said David Gautschi, dean of the Lally School. "The China Three Gorges Project serves as a model that we can learn from as academic and business professionals, and the program developed by the Lally School allows for this kind of global exchange."

Thomas Triscari, clinical associate professor of management and academic director for the program, worked to introduce and connect the participants to life in America through activities and projects inside and outside of the classroom.

"The Three Gorges Project has

given us an opportunity to explore the potential uses of natural resources to provide green, environmentally friendly energy that benefits our people, society, the environment, and the economy," said Wan Qizhou, division chief of CTGPC's construction department. "The hands-on approach involved in the Lally School's program allows us to engage in realistic and complex exercises in a number of areas that will help us to work on developing our leadership skill sets needed to effectively manage the future of our business in today's rapidly changing global marketplace."