NTU is delighted to have welcomed official delegations from three elite partner universities in the United States this summer. The delegations, headed by their university presidents and top academic and administrative officials, represented the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Iowa. Such high-level visits demonstrate the importance these prestigious institutions place on their relationships with NTU.

University of Maryland President Wallace Loh led an eight-person delegation to meet with NTU officials on June 11. During the meeting, President Loh, who was born in China before immigrating to Peru as a child, pointed out that three of the professors in his delegation were NTU graduates, which he noted was a sign of the great success that NTU graduates are capable of achieving.

For its part, NTU currently has 24 full-time professors who graduated from the University of Maryland; the College of Engineering and the College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science account for a large number of these professors, with five each. NTU and the University of Maryland began cooperating in 1995; mostly in agriculture, as well as training, instruction and research in theater.

On June 8, Johns Hopkins University President Ronald Daniels visited NTU as part of a five-person delegation. The main purpose of the visit was to discuss research cooperation. The two universities officially established their partner relationship in 2009. This partnership has focused primarily on cooperation between the NTU College of Public Health and Johns Hopkins’ Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Established in 1876, Johns Hopkins boasts a total of 36 professors or alumni that have claimed Nobel Prizes. NTU has 21 full-time professors who are Johns Hopkins alumni; seven of these professors work at the College of Medicine and six at the College of Public Health. Johns Hopkins is also the home of the control center for the Hubble Space Telescope.

University of Iowa President Sally Mason headed a six-person delegation that visited NTU on July 4. NTU and the University of Iowa established their formal partnership in 2003, and most cooperation thus far has been in hydraulics. NTU employs 21 full-time professors who are graduates of the University of Iowa. The College of Engineering has largest number of these professors, eight in total.

Established in 1847, the University of Iowa enjoys a world-class reputation in genetics and hydraulics. Moreover, its world-renowned Iowa Writers’ Workshop, founded 75 years ago, has helped nurture some of Taiwan’s greatest writers, including Kenneth Pai, Kwang-chung Yu, and Chen-ho Wang, who are also NTU alumni.