

# CHINESE VISIT A FIRST AT NTID

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For the first time ever, Chinese education leaders, April 19-22, 1999, are visiting the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), to learn and replicate ways to improve education for deaf students.

A member of China's National Federation for the Disabled People/Department of Education and Employment, and the presidents of Tianjin University of Technology and its College of the Deaf will learn how NTID incorporates technology into instruction, and how its programs prepare students for meaningful careers in a wide variety of technological fields.

Last summer, NTID established a formal sister relationship with the Technical College of the Deaf at Tianjin University of Technology, established two years ago as the first higher learning college for deaf people in China. NTID also shares sister institution partnerships with colleges serving deaf students in Japan, Thailand and Russia.

In addition, NTID is working closely with eight schools for the deaf in Hungary to improve the quality of curriculum and technology there.

The visit features a real-time digital videoconference April 20 with administrators at Tsukuba College of Technology in Japan, marking unprecedented international collaboration to improve education and opportunities for deaf people.

"This partnership demonstrates NTID's mission to prepare deaf people to live and work in a rapidly changing global community," said Robert Davila, Ph.D., vice president for NTID. "We have much to offer the world, and we have much to learn from our colleagues around the globe."