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Sahmyook University and Loma Linda University Schools of Pharmacy Partnership for Clinical Pharmacy Education

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The Schools of Pharmacy at Sahmyook University, South Korea and Loma Linda University (LLU), California, USA are the only two pharmacy schools in the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education System. These schools are forging a partnership to further the development of pharmacy education within the respective universities and to exchange ideas regarding curriculum, assessment, teaching methods, and scholarly activities. Faculty and student exchanges are also expected to develop as this cooperation matures. The School of Pharmacy, Sahmyook University was established in 1978 and has a B.S. in Pharmacy curriculum that provides eligibility for pharmacy licensure in South Korea. The School of Pharmacy, LLU was established in 2001 with the first class to graduate with the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree in 2006 with eligibility for pharmacy licensure in the U.S. Professor Ericson visited Sahmyook University in 2002, Sahmyook administrators visited LLU in 2003, and Dr. Lisa Beardsley, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at LLU visited Sahmyook in 2003 as initial steps in the development of bilateral exchanges and cooperation. Professor Currie visited Sahmyook in July 2004 for further planning and development of this relationship. Professor Ha intends to spend a sabbatical leave at LLU beginning in March 2005. A formal cooperative agreement is being developed that is expected to be finalized later this year that will establish plans for curriculum development and faculty and student exchanges Cooperative efforts in various aspects of the pharmacy professional education programs and research collaborations will be outcomes of these exchanges. Opportunities for elective pharmacy practice experiences for visiting students will be developed as well. partnership is expected to be particularly important for the development of a Pharm.D. program at Sahmyook University in the near future.