

This is just a fun FYI about one of my students - Bobby Irven is an RU Ready intern and is going to be working on a focus group project for RU Voting. He is serving at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo as a Student Ambassador for VIP Operations (he speaks fluent Chinese).

Below is a letter he wrote after arriving at the Expo:

Hi All!

I just wanted to let everyone know that I arrived safely (almost 4 days ago) and everything is going smoothly. You would not believe what the Expo site looks like in person! It is unbelievable in scale and technology. Apparently it will be the largest gathering in the world, expecting some +70 million people. At the USA Pavilion alone we are expecting some 35,000 people a day! I was just assigned my position at the USAP and I got VIP Operations!! That means I will get to meet Hilary Clinton, Michelle Obama, Kobe Bryant, the US Cabinet and all the other dignitaries and sponsors that will be visiting! I cant wait to represent the US in this event. It will truly be a once of a lifetime opportunity for me and the SA/World. I will try to keep you posted once in a while on my doing and maybe even some pictures! I will be working a lot of hours and seeing a lot of interesting things so I will be sure to keep you posted. If you know anyone at the University (Deans, Profs, or even the President) that would be interested in visiting and getting a personal tour of the Expo and special reception at the USAP, please let them know, give them my email and let me know. For those of you who might be on this side of the world, my Chinese cell # is 13818659319. Give me a call if you are in China!

Sincerely,
Bobby Irven

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