Coming up at the Mershon Center

International Commercial Arbitration in China
Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. Third St.
Dec. 7, 4:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

The China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) is the most important arbitration institution in China. CIETAC independently and impartially resolves economic and trade disputes by means of arbitration and mediation. Since it began in 1956, CIETAC has administered more than 10,000 international arbitration cases. More than 700 cases are filed each year, most of which are international. CIETAC arbitration is marked by its unique combination of arbitration with mediation, which not only resolves disputes, but also renews positive business and personal relations between the parties.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, a 13-member delegation from CIETAC will conduct a seminar on International Commercial Arbitration in China at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel. Among those speaking will be Dong Songgen, Vice Chairman of CIETAC and Vice Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, and Yu Jianlong, Vice Chairman and Secretary General of CIETAC.

On Friday, December 7, the delegation will attend a reception for leaders, faculty, staff, and students of The Ohio State University at 4:30 p.m. at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.

For more information, please see the event web page.

This event is co-sponsored by the K-12 Chinese Flagship Program, Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER), Office of International Affairs, and law offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

Dispatch launches education blog

The Columbus Dispatch has launched a blog for its four education reporters, including Encarnacion Pyle, who reports on higher education. Items of interest from The Ohio State University, including the Mershon Center, are often listed. It’s a good way to stay up to date on education news in the community that the print newspaper doesn’t have room to run. You can find the blog at http://blog.dispatch.com/edblog/.
Feature group: Heritage Foundation

Editor’s note: Mershon Memo will periodically feature stories about peer groups and organizations that engage in scholarly and academic study of issues related to national security. If you would like to see a particular organization discussed, please email Laura Tompkins at tompkins.46.

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For more information, see: www.heritage.org

Last newsletter this fall

Today’s Mershon Memo is the last newsletter from the Mershon Center this fall. Publication will resume in Winter 2008 with a print newsletter followed by weekly email updates. See you in January!

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