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## OU hosting Woodcock Legacy Seminar

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The event will feature speakers representing the governments of China and the United States and local business and academic leaders involved in U.S.-China business and exchange programs. They will discuss relations between the world and China.

Oakland's Ambassador Leonard Woodcock Legacy Program promotes understanding between the United States and China in areas such as trade relations, international law, politics and education. It also fosters exchange of faculty and students between the two nations.

The Woodcock project aids Michigan's economic development by providing academic and political leaders and potential trade partners with the latest information on China. The program also has played a significant role in working to establish trade between businesses in China and Oakland County.

China is one of the world's top traders of commodities and services, according to World Trade Organization's 2000 Report on International Trade Statistics. U.S. exports to China in 2000 were \$16.3 billion, a 24 percent increase over 1999 levels, making China the 11th largest U.S. export market.

The seminar takes its name after Leonard Woodcock, who served as U.S. ambassador to the People's Republic of China between 1979 and 1981.

For more information on the seminar, please call (248) 370-2154.

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