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Follow-up to Chinese Visit and the larger picture beyond healthcare

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This is the link to the follow-up note to the SETMA/China visit on November 10, 2015. At the end of this piece there are links to seven other articles about the growing relationship between SETMA and China. We are having a rich discussion on Face Book with plans for SETMA's visit to China in 2016 and return visits to SETMA by China in the future. <http://www.jameslhollymd.com/Letters/follow-up-to-second-chinese-delegation-to-setma-and-future-plans> Ultimately, our goal and our Chinese colleague's goal are to build a strong primary care infrastructure in China in collaboration with the AAFP, IBM, PC-PCC and SETMA beginning with a robust disease management tool for the treatment of diabetes.

In response to Dr. Paul Grundy's encouragement on Face Book, where he said, "Go SETMA," I posted the following:

Thank you, Paul, but it is important for everyone to know and to remember that without you, China would have never heard of SETMA. Thank you for introducing us and for continuing to encourage us to collaborate.

At our visit on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, Jingwei Liu said, "Why had we never heard about SETMA?" To which I responded that without Paul Grundy we still would not know one another. I don't want it to be lost on any of us that while SETMA is a very small contributor to relationships with China through CETC, that our friendship creates another bond between our two nations.

China is no longer a history or a faceless mass to us but it is our friends Jingwei Liu, Jiaping Hao, Eric Liu, Michael Ni, Huang Yanil, and Jia Ping Hao, along with the six colleagues we met in June, 2014. Let us not forget that we discover again that we are all part of a larger human family and that our relationships, however miniscule in the context of our nations, can contribute to the well-being of our people and of our nation's futures.

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