



Dr. Minghua Zhang Appointed as Interim Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

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To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Minghua Zhang has agreed to serve as Interim Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, effective on or about June 14, 2010. Minghua's long and distinguished history with Stony Brook University began in 1988 when he came here as a Postdoctoral Visiting Scientist. He then assumed an Assistant Professorship with SoMAS (then MSRC) in 1990. Minghua has served as Professor and the Director of the Institute for Terrestrial and Planetary Atmospheres since 2001, and Associate Dean with SoMAS since 2003.

Minghua, who has dedicated over 20 years of academic and professional service to SoMAS, is also the author of over 70 papers and a book on climate science. Additionally, Minghua was one of the four distinguished atmospheric scientists from Stony Brook who served on the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Former Vice President, Albert A. Gore. In addition, Minghua's service as Associate Dean provides him with valuable perspective on the administrative workings of the university. I look forward to working with Minghua during this time of transition.

Please join me in congratulating Minghua on his new position.

Best,

Eric

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