Twenty-nine Nebraska LEAD 31 Fellows recently returned from the 2013 International Study/Travel Seminar to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Taiwan.

Among the LEAD 31 group from Imperial was Josh Fries.

“Our international study is designed to provide first-hand appreciation and understanding of our international community and the potential for people of all nations to work together,” said Terry Hejny, Nebraska LEAD Program director and group leader.

During the Jan. 12-24 seminar, LEAD Fellows attended briefings at the U.S. Consulate offices in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City and met with American business, agricultural trade and commodity groups.

Additionally, LEAD Fellows were able to meet with officials at the Hanoi University of Agriculture, the Vietnam Farmers Union and the Taiwan Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan.

“The people-to-people encounters provided the members of Nebraska LEAD Group 31 an opportunity to view characteristics, conditions and trends of Hong Kong, Vietnam and Taiwan and determine relationships to issues and situations in our country,” Hejny said.

“Through this experience participants develop techniques in identifying comparisons and contrasts of the countries we recently studied in areas such as politics, economics, religion, culture and history as well as technology, trade, food, art and philosophy,” he added.

The Nebraska LEAD Program includes men and women, currently active in production agriculture and agribusiness, and is a two-year leadership development program under the direction of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council, in cooperation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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The application deadline for the next group is June 15.