This semester’s Reception for CMU students from international campuses and programs, held at the President’s Residence on March 27, provided the opportunity for students from Portugal, Rwanda, Australia, Qatar and China to get together for the first time as a group. Enjoying the sunny weather, they mingled on the patio and spoke with President Subra Suresh and Mrs. Mary Suresh; Gina Casalegno, Vice President of Student Affairs; Jimmy Hsia, Vice Provost for International Programs and Strategy; and other CMU administrators.

Dr. Suresh addressed the group, and stressed the university’s ongoing support for them as part of the CMU community of scholars.

“Carnegie Mellon fosters an environment where we improve our capacity to work together with a united sense of spirit and purpose as ‘One CMU’,” Said President Suresh. “That spirit of ‘One CMU‘ includes students
from our international campuses and programs who bring added benefits here when they share their unique perspectives and experiences."

“It’s wonderful for so many students from our international campuses and programs to have the opportunity to enrich their educational experiences by spending time on our main campus in Pittsburgh,” said Jimmy Hsia. “Being invited to meet the university’s leadership at the President’s Residence is a ‘delicious treat’ as part of the experience.”

A number of students expressed excitement about interacting with people from a variety of backgrounds. They were surprised to see the high level of diversity on campus. Some said that their course of study allowed them to take classes in different fields, which is a new experience – and is providing them with opportunities to collaborate, become effective team members, and tackle issues and problems in new ways. The students’ exposure to CMU’s high academic standards and support for creativity is sure to help them in their future careers.