

Dr. Israel Posner of Stockton Lectures on Casino Industry at University in Macau, China

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recently lectured in Macau, China, which boasts a \$45 billion ca

Dr. Posner spoke to students in their fourth year of studies in the Gaming Management at the Macau Polytechnic Institute. More the program, and when they graduate, most will go into managindustry, he said.

"I spoke about Atlantic City's history as a resort, its socio-econo as well as lessons learned and threats and emerging opportuni

"We discussed the very different casino regulatory environment different tax structure, the high cost of housing for employees, I VIP (high roller) segment – brought in by VIP Junket Operators -continued from page 1 -

"I also met with faculty members from their Gaming Teaching and Research Centre where we discussed a collaborative research project between our two colleges and institutes, comparing Macau to Atlantic City's casino industry," he added.

Dr. Posner said Macau Polytechnic Institute is interested in doing a comprehensive study with LIGHT on the factors that contributed to the seven-year decline in Atlantic City's Gross Gaming Revenue.

"They want to gain insight into what measures Macau government and/or private industry can take to avoid a similar downturn," he said. "Currently Macau Gaming revenue is about 15 times that of Atlantic City - more than the rest of the world combined - and growing at the astonishing rate of more than 20 percent annually," Dr. Posner said. LIGHT would study "the key signals in the environment that are precursors to a downturn and how resources can be redeployed to take advantage of new opportunities," he added.

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