

available in local markets. As only shells were collected, we cannot be certain whether these species have established viable populations in Dalian. It is possible that other non-indigenous species were encountered in some of the other taxonomic groups, notably algae, amphipods, and polychaetes, but identifications and classifications are

pending. As our surveys continue, generating distributional data for a number of taxa among PICES member countries, it will be possible to better understand the extent of non-indigenous marine species in coastal waters of the North Pacific Ocean.



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PICES Interns



We offer sincere thanks to **Mr. Key-Seok Choe** (left), the 2008 PICES intern from the Korea Ocean Research and Development Institute, who completed his term at the Secretariat at the end of January, and has returned to Korea. We appreciate his dedicated work during this past year and wish him great success in his career.

We are pleased to announce that **Mr. Yongling Zhu** (right) will join the Secretariat in February as the 2009 PICES Intern. He has a Masters Degree in Business and Administration and has worked at the Second Institute of Oceanography of the State Oceanic Administration (Hangzhou, People's Republic of China) since 1998. We look forward to his involvement in PICES activities.