

Project Summary

Advanced Leadership Development Project On the Xiaokang Society (Phase II)

The Challenge

In recent years, China has made solid steps forward towards its grand goal of building an all-round Xiao Kang society and scored outstanding achievements politically, economically, socially and culturally with its economic strength drastically enhanced and people's livelihood remarkably improved. The new requirements, as set at the 17th CPC National Congress in October 2007, covers all the areas of economic, political, cultural and social development as well as environmental protection. The new requirements give more emphasis to comprehensiveness, coordination and sustainability of the development, adding new contents to the concept of a Xiao Kang society. The first session of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC) taken place in March 5-18, 2008 made an overall summary of the achievements and experiences of China over the past five years and defined clearly major tasks and arrangements for the 2008 and next five years. The key to satisfy these requirements set by the 17th CPC National Congress, fulfill the tasks defined by the 11th NPC, and continuously and strenuously push forward the work in building a Xiao Kang society and realizing MDGs lies in the performance and competence of the leaders at all levels, at higher levels in particular while education and training are essential to enhance their capability of leadership.

The Response

For years, UNDP and other international organizations have contributed greatly to China's Cadres' training. From 2005 to 2007, Advanced Leaders' Training Program on Building a "Xiao Kang" Society (Phase I) was jointly carried forward by Organization Department of CPC Central Committee (CPCCC), China International Center for Economic & Technical Exchanges (CICETE) under Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and UNDP. Fourteen training programs were provided in the famous overseas academic institutions to a total of 345 participants including vice ministers and other senior officials from Chinese government and state-owned enterprises.

These training programs have broadened the participants' view as senior-level leaders, refreshed their mindset, improved their capability of coordination, and enabled them to implement more profoundly the scientific outlook of development and promote more unswervingly the realization of the target of building a "Xiao Kang" society.

The significance and success of the project have led it to an extension to its phase II and 250 more training participants at senior level across the Chinese governments are anticipated to join in the alumni group in the forth coming 3 years. The project aims to further intensify the training for the high-level talents most needed for China's economic and social development, existing and potential ministerial level leaders in particular, with the view to enhancing their leadership capability for scientific development by making full use of the leading training resources such as world renown universities and organizations while accommodating what is going on in China at the current stage.

Achievements

In 2008, three programmes on "Agricultural modernization and integrated urban and rural development", "Modern financial system" and "Implementation of 'Going Global' strategy and modern enterprises management" were organized. University of Sydney, Lincoln University, New Zealand, University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia were selected to provide the training courses. Sixty-nine senior officials were recommended and selected to participate in these programmes. A comprehensive report was drafted and refined afterwards for each programme along with feed back submission to state decision makers.

At A Glance

Start Date: 2008
End Date: 2010
Implementing Partner(s): China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE)
Project ID: 00037316

UNDAF Goal: Social and economic policies are developed and improved to be more scientifically-based and human-centered for sustainable and equitable growth

CP Output: 2.1 Senior leaders trained/exposed to international best practices on sustainable and human centred development.

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Total Budget:	US\$	4,000,000
UNDP:	US\$	1,000,000
Government:	US\$	1,000,000
Third Party:	US\$	2,000,000

Project location(s): Beijing

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