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邓朴方主席会见国际聋人高等教育网络项目首席执行官吉姆·迪卡罗博士(图)



2006年11月15日上午，邓朴方主席会见了国际聋人高等教育网络项目首席执行官吉姆·迪卡罗博士。

会谈中，吉姆·迪卡罗博士首先转达了美国国家聋人工学院院长对朴方主席的问候和访问学校的邀请，然后简要介绍了国际聋人高等教育网络项目的情况，并向朴方主席递交了历时3年调查研究、专门撰写给中国残联的题为《中国聋人高等教育：问题、作用、责任和建议》的报告。

国际聋人高等教育网络项目是2001年6月由中国天津理工大学聋人工学院、美国国家聋人工学院、日本国筑波技术短

期大学和俄罗斯莫斯科茑蔓科学技术大学发起、日本财团出资设立的，旨在全球通过师资培训、资金援助、学术交流和学生交流等活动发展聋人高等教育事业。项目先后为我国天津理工大学聋人工学院、北京联合大学特教学院、长春大学特教学院、河南省中州大学特教学院开通了远程教育系统，资助30名聋人教育教师赴美培训，资助部分中国聋人大学学生赴美国和日本进行友好访问，资助在我国境内召开研讨会，传播国际先进理论和实践经验，使我国聋人教育软、硬件环境得到改善，理论研究得到深化，促进了我国聋人高等教育国际间和国内院校间的交流。

朴方主席感谢美方的问候和邀请，感谢迪卡罗博士对中国聋人高等教育的关注，肯定了他所提出的积极建议。朴方主席回顾了我国聋人高等教育的发展进程，同时指出，残疾人教育不仅是学习知识，掌握学习方法，还要学习和培养适应社会的能力。国际社会和中国政府都在创造聋人融入社会的条件，重要的是聋人必须提高自身的交流能力、交往能力和参与意识。要加强对聋人的职业教育和法制教育，使他们掌握一技之长，要努力安置聋人就业，减少聋人犯罪。

中国残联教就部主任尚英春、国际部主任陈亚安，教就部副主任唐淑芬，中国聋人协会副主席杨洋等陪同参加了会见。

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Summary of CDPF Chairperson Deng Pufang's Meeting with Dr. James DeCaro,
Director of PEN-International (photos)



On the morning of Nov. 15, 2006, Chairperson Deng Pufang met with Dr. James DeCaro, Director of the Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International).

Dr. James DeCaro began by conveying Nation Technical Institute of the Deaf (NTID) Vice President/Dean's greetings to Chairperson Deng and extended to him an invitation to visit NTID; next, he briefly explained the PEN-International project, and presented Chairperson Deng with a report entitled, *Postsecondary Education for Deaf*

People in China: Issues, Roles, Responsibilities, and Recommendation, the result of 3 years of investigation and research, and specialized recommendation for the China Disabled Persons' Federation (CDPF).

The PEN-International project was established in June, 2001, and initiated by Tianjin University of Technology Technical College for the Deaf in China, NTID in Rochester, New York, Tsukuba University of Technology in Japan, and Bauman Moscow State Technical University in Russia. The project was sponsored by The Nippon Foundation of Japan, and targets global development of postsecondary education of deaf people through teacher training, financial support, academic communications, student exchanges and other activities. PEN-International has already provided long distance learning systems at Tianjin University of Technology's Technical College for the Deaf, Beijing Union University Special Education College, Changchun University Special Education College, and the Deaf Art and Design College at Zhongzhou University. PEN-International sponsored training for 30 deaf educators in the USA, provided support for a number of Chinese deaf college students visiting the US and Japan, sponsored several conferences which took place in China, transmitted international advanced theories and practical experience, improved the software and hardware environment in Chinese deaf education, conducted in-depth theoretical research, and promoted international and nation-wide exchanges among deaf postsecondary educators in China.

Chairperson Deng Pufang thanked Dr. DeCaro for the warm greetings and the invitation to visit the USA; he expressed his gratitude to Dr. DeCaro for his effort and attention to Chinese postsecondary education for the deaf; and positively affirmed the recommendations presented by Dr. DeCaro. Chairperson Deng reviewed the development of Chinese deaf education, and pointed out that the education of people with disabilities should not only foster the acquisition of knowledge and the development of learning strategies, but also should teach them how to be useful members of society. International society and the Chinese government have been steadily improving conditions for deaf people so that they can be included in society. Most importantly, deaf people must continue to improve their own communication abilities, social abilities, and become aware of how to participate in society. It is necessary to emphasize the vocational education and legal knowledge for deaf people, allow them opportunities to obtain the professional skills needed to be self-supporting, and make greater efforts to place deaf people in suitable employment and decrease the criminal offenses perpetrated by unemployed and undereducated deaf people.

CDPF's officers, Shang Yingchun, director of education and employment department, Chen Ya'an, head of international affairs department, Tang Shufen, vice-director of education and employment department, and Yang Yang, vice president of the Chinese Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, accompanied President Deng at the meeting.

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