

# The Ten-year Summary of PEN-International in China

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PEN-International has made many efforts and aids to improve the higher education for the deaf in China since TUT first joined the PEN-International in June, 2001, and project members in China have already increased to five.

The work of PEN-International has brought very good social benefit and gained very good social reputation and got all the praises and supports from the society.



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**In past ten years, PEN-International has done much work for the development of education for the deaf in China :**

The first stage of PEN-International in China: from June, 2001 to the end of 2003, its main effort is to help the development of Technical College for the Deaf at TUT. About 20 teachers of three groups from TUT were sent to NTID to receive the educational technique training, financed by PEN-International.



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In April, 2002, 10 teachers and students of TUT were financed by PEN-International to visit NTID and Tsukuba University of Technology, strengthening further communication and understanding.



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International Education Conference for the Deaf, financed by PEN-International, was held in Technical College for the Deaf at TUT in August, 2002. More than 40 teachers from 14 domestic colleges attended the conference and the professors of NTID gave some educational technique trainings for the participants both on the scene and via the video conference system.



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In March, 2003, PEN-International financed 12 teachers and students from Tsukuba University of Technology to visit Tianjin. The Japanese teachers and deaf students exchanged the experience about running school and major-learning with Chinese teachers and deaf students, promoting the international educational co-operations.



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During this period, the teaching level in Technical College for the Deaf was improved rapidly and remarkably by the support of PEN-International. All the teachers studying abroad can properly apply what they learnt in NTID to educational practice. Because of the outstanding improvement of teaching quality and achievement, Technical College for the deaf was awarded the teaching achievement prize by China Ministry of Education. Professor J. DeCaro was awarded the prize by Chinese Tianjin government for his great contribution to the education for the deaf. The awarded merit and permanent certificate of honorary Tianjin citizen by Mr. Dai Xianglong, the mayor of Tianjin, in person.



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PEN began to extend all over China in the second half year of 2002, according to the agreement signed with PEN-International. Beijing Union University, Changchun University, Zhongzhou University and Chongqing Normal University signed and joined PEN-International, making PEN-International come to affect all higher education for the deaf in China. During this period, the leaders, teachers and students of Changchun University give great supports to the work of PEN-International in China.





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A book, *Deaf Higher Education in China: issues, roles, responsibilities and proposals* was completed with the help of teachers and deaf college students, hosted by Professor Patricia A. DeCaro from NTID in June, 2005. The book was presented to China Disabled Persons Federation, the assessment and recommendations to the higher education for the Deaf in China were widely endorsed by most Chinese teachers and students.



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Deng Pufang, President of China Disabled Persons Federation, on the scene listened to the work report about PEN-International in China made by Mr. DeCaro and me in November of 2005. Furthermore, he also highly appraised the PEN-International work achievement in China and expressed his enthusiastic and firm support.



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In September, 2008, an art show, titled *Art Exhibition of Chinese Deaf Students*, held in Changchun University, and exhibited 400 pieces of excellent works from university, college and middle school deaf students.



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In September, 2009, “International Advanced Education Forum for the Deaf” was held in Changchun University. 53 representatives from 9 countries as well as many local teachers and students attended the conference. Moreover, Changchun University set up a working committee for this international conference led by university president. With the strong and continuous efforts from all sides, the conference succeeded. And it was also widely reported with warm coverage by the national and many local media in China.



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In these 10 years, PEN-International has promoted the development of the higher education for the deaf in China, at the same time, made the project itself paid close attention by the nation and the local education authorities and supported by the disabled persons federation at all levels. Here, on behalf of the Chinese teachers engaged in deaf education and deaf students, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Yohei Sasakawa and the friends of Nippon foundation, to Mr. DeCaro and his colleagues, thank you for your generosity and love, thank you for your dedication and diligence. I hope all friends continue to support Chinese educational cause for the deaf, and make more and more disabled persons get the care from PEN-International.



**Thank You**