

# **China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Program**

## **Public Welfare and Social Assistance Promote Fair Development**

1 China has made great contributions to shaking off poverty. Since the implementation of the policy of reform and opening up, 250 million of population of absolute poverty in 1979 has dropped to over twenty million. In this respect, we have achieved rich experience. One important piece of the whole experience is to promote development through public welfare and social assistance.

2 China Society for Promotion of the Guangcai Program (CSPGP) is a nationwide foundation registered in the China's Ministry of Civil Affairs in the nature of public welfare and social assistance. It was founded in 2005, initiated mainly by the Chinese entrepreneurs from non-public sectors. The purpose in setting up the foundation is to render financial assistance gratis to those at the low social and economic position by social mobilization and raising funds so as to help them improve their living, study and employment conditions and also to attach importance to the protection, inheritance and passing on of the cultures of various ethnic groups and to promote the fair development. The funds we have raised amounted to more than four hundred million yuan.

3 Through the practice of the implementation of alleviating poverty over the recent several years, we have summarized the following points for attention in social welfare and social assistance:

4 1. Everybody should be guaranteed the right to education. Our foundation has actively made its efforts to create study conditions in the poverty-stricken areas and constructed more than 600 Guangcai schools, which have directly benefited over a million of people.

5 2. Subsistence is the fundamental right for human being. Without the right to subsistence, it is impossible for people to enjoy so-called the right to development. We have, in the poverty-stricken areas, given financial aid to improve subsistence conditions, put into practice program for building new projects, improved the infrastructure, developed industries in keeping with the characteristics of each region, created employment opportunities and raised the farmers' income.

6 3. Importance should be attached to the development of each ethnic group and the heritage, passing on and development of its culture. Qi Zheng Pharmaceutical Industry Group has established, in China Foundation for Guangcai Program, a special

fund for carrying forward and protecting the Tibetan culture.

7 (1) Over the past two plus years, the fund has been used to help construct a Tibetan medical teaching building, three schools for the Tibetan ethnic group, repair a monastery and improve the living conditions of the lama monks of the Drepung Monastery in Lhasa, Tibet.

8 (2) The “Project of Love and Care for Female Health” has been carried out in the six regions mainly inhabited by the Tibetan ethnic group in Qinghai Province. A free general survey for cervical cancer has been carried out. The earlier the cancer is diagnosed, the better result of the early treatment can achieve. We have tried our best to reduce the incidence and the mortality rate of the disease of the large number of women. All together, 528789 Tibetan females (from the age of 15 to the age of 64) have received this aid. The Han language of the knowledge about the health care and the prevention of the cervical cancer has been translated into Tibetan language and recorded and broadcasted for the broad masses of Tibetan women so as to raise their consciousness of self-health care and prevention of diseases, raise the level of genital health care and effectively improve the health conditions of the Tibetan women.

9 4. Significant attention should be paid to the environmental protection and sustainable development. Funds should be established specially for the environmental protection and circulation economy. By promoting the concept of environmental protection, we can improve our environmental situation and stimulate the sustainable development of our economy.

10 5. Every one should enjoy the right to work. In order to help the people in the poverty-stricken areas be employed, we have had the trial implementation of “the Project of Guangcai Technician” and given financial aid to the sons and daughters of the poor families in completing their professional and technical training so as to help the government address the problem of employment. For example, the vast majority

of the positions, from general manager, technical personnel to ordinary worker in the enterprises set up by Qi Zheng Pharmaceutical Industry, Group are constituted by our Tibetan compatriots.