

2008 Annual Report

The programmes that have been done:

1. Training Program—Oxford Law Summer School

The summer school commenced in 2003 and August 2008 is the sixth occasion in Oriel College, Oxford, England, UK to host the one-month Law summer school for Chinese law students from the China University for Political Science and Law and other similar law schools and institutions in China. Oriel offers a unique educational and cultural opportunity annually to groups of intellectually gifted and talented young people from China. All involved firmly believe that this is very good for the students and for their countries.

Cairncross Foundation is very pleased to be able to contribute to the institutional and academic development of China and set up scholarships for 2-3 Chinese students to participate in the Summer School, preferably to those in the provinces so as to give students from less-developed provinces an opportunity to benefit. The Foundation has provided two full scholarships and two half scholarships in 2008.

2008 Training Programme, Activity Announcement

2. Workshop—Collaborative Research Project on Energy, Climate Change and Re-Balancing of Development Strategy in China

This is a project to examine the interactions of key issues in energy, climate change and the re-balancing of the development strategy in China so as to provide practical suggestions to Chinese policy makers to alleviate the negative impact brought by the financial crisis and environmental degradation. The project is aimed not at studying each of these 3 issues in their own right, but will instead build upon the considerable studies that already exist and examine how these 3 issues interact and their policy implications. The project will be institutionally based at and led the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies (OIES).

The first phase of the project began with a joint workshop held between the OIES and the Energy Research Institute of NDRC (NDRC-ERI) and China Institute for International Studies (CIIS) in November 2008. The workshop brought together international and Chinese experts to discuss, identify and prioritise the key issues, and to develop a programme of collaborative research to be undertaken in 2008-09. The Cairncross Foundation provided the necessary expenses for the foreign experts (travel, hotel, etc.).

2008 Workshop on "Balanced Clean Development in China", Activity Announcement

The programmes under preparation:

1. "Challenges and Opportunities for the Chinese Economy: an International Perspective" Programme

The foundation is planning to sponsor a research programme of CERAP in 2009 - "Challenges and Opportunities for the Chinese Economy: an International Perspective" which will be conducted by a team of famous economists and experts from international and domestic. The research will cover significant issues in China's social and economic area that were concerned by both Chinese and foreign economists. A synthesis report and approximately twenty sub-reports on different topics will be delivered before March, 2010.

CERAP is a non-institutional research organization consisting of international and Chinese economists with a board of prominent and experienced Chinese and international advisors, led by Dr. Edwin Lim and Prof. Micheal Spence. The overall objectives of CERAP are: 1) Contributing to economic policy formulation in China by supporting policy research and providing a forum for international exchanges on current economic policy issues in China, as well as global economic issues relevant to China, in particular, to bring to policy making in China an international perspective and the lessons of international experience. 2) Strengthening the capacity of Chinese economists and research institutions to undertake economic policy analysis and research through collaboration with eminent economists and researchers abroad.

To date, CERAP has completed three studies - Social Security Reform in China: Issues and Options; China and the global economy: Medium-term Issues and options; and Urbanization in China: Policy Issues and Options.

"Challenges and Opportunities for the Chinese Economy: an International Perspective" Activity Announcement

2. Other programmes under preparation:

(1) A workshop or collaborative research project on the harmonisation of key economic-related laws (e.g. corporate, finance, banking, securities, corporate governance, intellectual property rights, foreign investment and natural resource) in China and the global economy.

(2) A collaborative policy research project on health care insurance in China, looking at lessons of international experience.

(3) Collaborative policy research projects on social security systems or urbanisation, building upon the results of CERAP project, but focusing more on issues on practical implementation.

(4) One or two high-profile "Cairncross Foundation Lectures" each year, to be held alternatively in the UK and China.