

## Annual Report 2013

The Foundation's operation in 2013 is following the requirements of government rules and regulations and adhering the principles of efficiency, high quality and transparency. The objectives and aims of all activities have been achieved by the end of the year. The activities implemented in 2013 are including the economic policy research, lecture and scholarship program.

### 1. Study on “Deeping China’s Economic Reform: an International Perspective”

The study was completed in July 2013. During 2013, the team is continuing the research and study on the issues of state enterprises reform, social security reform, fiscal reform, governance, legal system and competition policy. The draft report was discussed among the Chinese government officials from relevant ministries and departments, Chinese specialists from the research and academic institutions through workshops and forums. The study report will be published soon.

This study requested by the Office of the Central Leading Group on Financial and Economic Affairs (Zhong Cai Ban) and the National Development and Reform Commission with the objective of offering suggestions from an international perspective on systemic and institutional reforms necessary for the effective implementation of the 12th FYP and the realization of its objectives. The study is led by Prof Michael Spence (Nobel Laureate in 2001), Dr. Edwin Lim (Former World Bank Director, the first Chief Representative of the World Bank Office in China and the first CEO of China International Capital Corporation Ltd) and Prof Adrian Wood (Former Senior Economist of the World Bank, Chief Economist of the UK's Department for International Development, Professor of International Development at the University of Oxford). More than 20 international and national specialists are participated the study.

### 2. Study on “Strengthening Market Competition in China: Some International Perspectives”

This project is an international collaborative research project involving international and Chinese specialists and government officials. The objectives are to support the realization of the CPC's 18th Central Committee 3rd Plenum decisions relating to making the “market play the decisive role in resource allocation”, and to the establishment of a “unified, fair, open and competitive market” in China. The project focuses on issues relating to competition in product markets for goods and services, and excludes issues concerning competition in factor markets for labour, land and capital or finance. The project started in July 2013 and is expecting to complete in 2016.

More than 10 international and national specialists are participating the study. The specialist team has met with the government officials from relevant government ministries and departments and the researchers from academic institutes to discuss current issues on market competition in China. The draft midterm report is under preparation.

### **3. The Cairncross Foundation Lecture in 2013**

The Cairncross Foundation Lecture was held on December 8, 2013 in the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), co-sponsored by the Expert Advisory Board of Anti-Monopoly Commission of the State Council (AMC) and the Competition Law Center of UIBE. The speaker is Sir Derek Morris. The lecture topic is Competition Policy and Regulation of Prices in Natural Monopolies: Information, Incentives and Governance.

The lecture was chaired by Prof. Huang Yong, Director of the Competition Law Center of UIBE and the Deputy Head of the Expert Advisory Board of Anti-Monopoly Commission of the State Council. The distinguished guests to the lecture included Prof. Wu Jinglian, Research Fellow of the Development Research Center of the State Council, Mr Chen Qingtai, Minister of the Development Research Center of the State Council, Mr Peng Sen, Vice Chairman of the Economic and Finance Committee of the National People's Congress, and Mr Zhang Qiong, Chairman of the Expert Advisory Board of AMC.

Over 600 people attended the lecture. The lecture was very well received and many questions were raised by the participants.

### **4. The Cairncross Foundation Scholarship Program**

In 2013, the Foundation has supported 3 students from Hunan University and Sichuan University to attend the courses in Oriel Summer School of Oxford University through the Scholarship Program. These students are all from poor families.

### **5. The Cairncross Foundation Visiting Scholar**

The project has achieved its targets for 2013. The activities under the project have been completed according to the project plan.

This project is to support an international collaborative and comparative policy research study on “Integration of the Rising Powers into the Global Innovation System” between the Institute for Policy and Management, Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Technology and Management of Development Centre, Department of International Development, Oxford University. Study on innovation is important to China’s future growth and economic development.

The Cairncross Foundation provided a grant to support the Chinese researcher to work in the University of Oxford from October 2012 to September 2013. The project started in early 2013 and expected to finish in July 2014.

The Foundation has achieved the targets set up in the annual plan. All activities are implementing smoothly and according to its time schedule. The Foundation has passed the annual audit and government annual review in 2013.