Involvement in Chinese Education Development in Collaboration with Multilateral Agencies

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In the past 30 years our institute or members of our team involved in education development with many multilateral agencies, such as:

- WORLD BANK
- ADB
- UNESCO
- UNDP
- UNICEF
- ALSO, CIDA, FORD

With World Bank

China joined the WB in May 1980. The first WB project in China was university development project in 1982. PKU was largest beneficiary, and we got to know the WB.

We deeply involved later in the Education Development in Poor Provinces Project. We involved in the sector study in 1988, project identification, preparation and project design, appraisal, negotiation, all the way to launch the project. When the project started implementation, we served as the secretariat for the International Expert Panel, participated in all the supervision missions twice a year and monitored the project progress, until the project closed in 1999.

The project had 130 million US dollars IDA credit plus 170 million US dollars equivalent local match fund, the total project funding 300 million US dollars. It covered more than 2000 schools in 114 poor counties and 20 universities for teacher and management training, installation of management information system for efficiency improvement, procurement of new equipment and building construction.

This project, Especially the TA component, accumulated precious experiences for education development for China and had significant impact on the way of China's education investment and development afterwards. And Then we were asked to serve the similar role on the second World Bank education development in poor provinces project in China (2000-2006) and later education development projects.

We also participated in the World Bank TA projects on the private education development in China. With the experiences from these projects, we are also invited to participate in education development projects in East Europe and South Asia, such as higher education development in Nepal (1991-96) and education development project in Romania. (1991-92)

With ADB

- ADB TA Project Employment Policies for College Graduates in China, October 2014 to April 2016.
- Project on Studies of Development Experiences of China and India, May to December 2007.
- ADB China Hunan TVET Project, August 2012 to January 2013.
- ADB China Shanxi TVET Project, November 2013年 to April 2014.
- ADB China School-Enterprise cooperation Project, August 2013 to April 2014
- Education Sector Governance and Risk Assessment (GRA)project in China. The report helps ADB and the Chinese government to minimize risks and maximize development effectiveness of ADB financing.

With UNESCO

- UNESCO Chair on HE for the Asia Pacific Region from 1999 to now.
- Higher Education and Community Development Project (1989-1991).
- Improving University Effectiveness through Inter-Institutional Cooperation: A Case Study of China, 1996-1999.
- Improving Managerial Effectiveness through Institutional Mergers: A Case Study of China, 1993-1994.

With Ford Foundation

- Project on Improving Managerial Effectiveness of Private HEIs and Raising their Status through Appropriate Government Policies and Independent Accreditation Agencies, 2003-2007.
- Project on Intelligence Development through Initiative, Participative and Innovative Learning May to December 2010 to 2012.
- Project on Studying the Academic Profession in Public and Private Higher Education Institutions in China, 2012-2016.

Currently Challenges

Currently, China's reform is getting into the "deep-water" stage, both for economic and educational reforms, which means more challenging, more complicated, more adjustment and more structural changes needed, and difficult to tackle. We are thinking more strategically on the issues: to reform and strengthening education for economic transformation. We sincerely hope we could collaborate more with multilateral agencies.