



CHINA DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

Civil Society

Learning Space



ABOUT CDB

Operating in China for almost two decades, China Development Brief (CDB) is an integral part of the grassroots Chinese NGO community. It is one of the oldest and most respected organizations that supports the Chinese non-profit sector.

China Development Brief was established in 1996 to address the lack of independent, reliable coverage of the substantial and varied work of Chinese CSOs and activists. CDB's bilingual platform was started in an effort to strengthen Chinese CSOs by making them more visible, accountable, and connected to the international community

The Chinese-language website (cdb.org.cn) serves as an important information-sharing and networking platform for China's grassroots NGOs. It is frequently updated with news, research, job postings, events, and networking opportunities.

CDB's English-language website (chinadevelopmentbrief.cn) aims to facilitate dialogue between the international community and China's emerging civil society. It provides English translations of Chinese-language CDB publications, as well as original articles written by CDB staff and foreign scholars and practitioners.

In addition to its publications, CDB contributes to the growth of grassroots and other Chinese NGOs by hosting forums and

discussions covering various aspects of Chinese civil society, and runs capacity-building workshops and training seminars, in both Chinese and English. It is also a contributor to such forums, and its most recent 2013 Chinese *NGO Directory* was used to contact the 103 grassroots groups surveyed for the 2013 China Foundation Rankings.

CDB's staff members possess strong values and varied skills, and embrace learning, exploring new ideas, and co-operation. They are regularly consulted by Chinese and international foundations, NGOs and organizations, including the Ford Foundation, Gates Foundation, China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation, China Labour Bulletin, the Asian Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Youth Foundation, European Union and various embassies. This consulting work and research is often published as special reports, with translations provided through CDB (English). CDB staff have also given presentations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, at venues such as the China Charity Fair, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Hopkins-Nanjing Institute.

THE CIVIL SOCIETY LEARNING SPACE

Civil society in China has undergone dramatic change within the past decades. Civil society organizations in China have long been a weak and marginalized group, but over the last few years, the situation has changed quite visibly. The Civil Society Learning Space brings together CDB's resources and decades of expertise to help make it navigable. The Learning Space can host students, academics, NGO professionals, journalists, and other interested parties for a variety of activities that will shed light on China's grassroots sector.

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Participants (groups of up to 15) will be invited to travel to our hutong office in the Houhai area of Beijing to observe the organization's work, and learn about its eighteen year history.

WORKSHOPS

CDB offers workshops, round table events and discussion forums about topics related to the Chinese or international NGO sector. These activities can be held in the CDB 's courtyard office or in an external space.

VISIT AN NGO

CDB can organize a visit to Beijing-based grassroots NGO working on issues such as the environment, gender, migrant workers.

TALKS

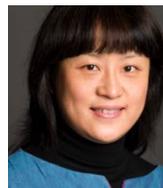
CDB speakers can deliver talks on topics such as:

- Introduction to the Nonprofit, NGO sector in China
- What's in a Name?: Chinese Discourse About NGOs
- NGOs, Nonprofits and Social Activism in China Today
- Trends in NGO Regulation and Behavior in China
- State and Society Responses to Social Welfare Needs in China
- The 2008 Sichuan Earthquake and Its Impact on China's NGOs
- Philanthropy and Civil Society in China
Environmental NGOs: China's Civil Society Pioneers

LEARNING SPACE SPEAKERS



Fu Tao is a co-founder of CDB, and its long-time editor from 2003-2011. He is widely-known among China's NGOs and is a highly-regarded analyst of the nonprofit sector and environmental NGOs in China. He has published a number of articles on civil society, environmental NGOs and the environmental movement in China in both Chinese and English.



Chen Yimei is the Executive Director of China Development Brief. She previously worked at Mercy Corps, YouChange, and the Ford Foundation's Beijing office. She has also translated and edited numerous books on civil society and philanthropy. She is currently a guest Professor of Foundation Strategy at Beijing Normal University.



Zhang Gengrui is a co-founder of CDB's Chinese publication. Having served as CDB's business and operations manager for over ten years, he is happy to share his wealth of experience and information in NGO management and Chinese



Dr. Tom Bannister is the Associate Director of CDB (English). He wrote his recently completed PhD thesis on NGO volunteerism in Sichuan province and is particularly interested in partnerships between international and grassroots NGOs. He has taught at universities in the UK and in China and is a board member of the EU-China NGO Twinning Program.



Dr. Liu Haiying is CDB's senior researcher. She has a PhD from Renmin University and previously worked for Greenpeace. She is editor of the book *Poverty Relief: Cases and Recommendations from Public Benefit Organizations* and previously worked as editor for *China Reform* magazine.

OTHER RESOURCES

China Development Brief Website (chinadevelopmentbrief.cn)

One-stop source for information about Chinese NGOs, featuring articles, bibliographies, laws, and our online directories of Chinese and international NGOs operating in China.

China Development Directory of Chinese Grassroots NGOs

Our *Directory of Chinese NGOs* is also available in print form, serving as a useful information resource regarding more than 250 of the most active and well-established Chinese grassroots NGOs

China Development Brief Internship Program

CDB offers internships for interested students, preferably with Chinese-language abilities, who will have the opportunity to learn about our operations and assist with research, editing, and translation.

China Development Brief Newsletter

Every month, CDB sends out a newsletter to subscribers, featuring updates and links to our latest articles.

China Development Brief Quarterly

CDB highlights best of its research and insight in our quarterly magazine.

China Development Brief Consulting

CDB has special consulting services for organizations who seek to learn more about the Chinese non-profit and social development sectors.

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