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## **International Forum on Disability and Development: Caring, Participation, and Action**

December 10-15, 2007  
Beijing, China

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This year's International Forum on Disability and Development, jointly sponsored by the China Disabled Persons' Federation, Peking University, University of Southern California, and Griffith University, will take place in Beijing, December 10-15 2007. Representatives from the United Nations, World Bank, World Health Organization, the National Development and Reform Commission of China, the Ministries of Civil Affairs, Finance, Health, and Labor and Social Security, and both domestic and foreign well-known scholars are invited to attend the forum.

### **Theme**

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There is great significance in order to understand the lives of the disabled and to promote their well-being, as they are a special community in society. The issues faced by this community and their needs are highly concerned in the process of constructing a harmonious society as well as improving human rights in China.

In view of this, the China Disabled Persons' Federation, Peking University, University of Southern California, and Griffith University will jointly sponsor the "International High Level Forum on Disability and Development," aimed at "real understanding and sincere caring."

### **Purposes**

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- 1) To commemorate the first anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities issued on December 13, 2007, so as to evoke an across-the-board discussion regarding the value of the disabled, the social determinates, and issues such as the disabled people's health, employment, welfare, and education, among the academic fields, policy-making circles, and business communities;

To celebrate: the 16th International Day of Disabled Persons, annually observed on December 3rd; the publication of the White Paper of the Development of Enterprise of Chinese Disabled Persons; and to provide a platform promoting the adoption and implementation of policies for the disabled by senior policy-making institutions and officials;

- 2) To commemorate the anniversary of the second nationwide survey on the disabled (completed on December 3rd, 2006) and together, with an academic discussion on "Disability and Development," to make China's and other countries' policies for the disabled people to become more pertinent in the near future;
- 3) To encourage communication and exchange on the prevention and rehabilitation of disabilities, and to discuss policies and measures to encourage and support non-profit organizations and private sectors' development in catering the disabled people; and
- 4) To provide professional training by international experts and enhance the construction of a network and team-building for the progress of the disabled community.

This forum contains six sessions and specific session topics as followed:

- 1) **Academic session** (Two days, December 10-11)
  - The protection of the disabled people's rights
  - The involvement of the disabled in the social economy
  - Health and human services for the disabled
  - Policy research
- 2) **Government session** (Half-day, Morning of December 12)
  - The social development of the disabled
  - The government's responsibility in the development of disabled persons' enterprise
  - The making of a fair and efficient development strategy and action plan for the disabled people
- 3) **Non-Governmental session** (Half-day, Afternoon of December 12)
  - The significance and historical responsibility of NGOs serving the disabled
  - NGO's primary forms of assistance for the disabled
  - Development models for NGOs serving the disabled
- 4) **Business session** (Half-day, Morning of December 13)
  - The needs of the disabled and social service development
  - Forecasting the needs and service provisions for the disabled people
  - Development strategies for creating services to accommodate disabled people
- 5) **High-level roundtable session** (Half-day, Afternoon of December 13)
  - Decision-makers, policy makers, scholars, entrepreneurs, NGOs, and the representatives of the disabled will engage in dialogue on common issues of concern, urge for the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and promote the formulation and implementation of the action plan.
- 6) **Workshop on Theory and Practice of Social Work with the Disabled Population** (Two days, December 14-15)
  - Models of disability for social work practice
  - Intervention for disabled persons within the context and culture of the family
  - Empowering persons with disabilities and their families: Systems of Care

## **Anticipated Outcomes of the Forum**

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- 1) Establish fair values and the development of specific policies and the effective integration of academic fields, policy-making circles, and business communities;
- 2) Develop a series of social policy proposals and suggestions on improving the health of the disabled which have the potential to influence future policy-making;
- 3) Draft a collection of papers with high academic value and significant policy recommendations, which will be published collectively under the title “Caring, Participation, Action” as an advancement on the study and research of related issues for the benefit of the international community;
- 4) Publicize the achievements of China’s progress in the field of the human rights of the disabled; promote international research on the disabled; promote and the development of the disabled people’s enterprise by using the results of the second nationwide survey on the disabled; and
- 5) Begin to establish long-term cooperative networks on the work and research on the disabled, so as to propel the work team construction for the enterprise of the disabled people.

## **Sponsored by:**

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## Program-at-a-Glance

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<b>Day 1 - Monday, December 10, 2007   Academic Session</b>	
Morning Session	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address
	Plenary ( I )
	Parallel Session ( I )
12:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session	Plenary ( II )
	Parallel Sessions ( II )
	Plenary ( III )
	Parallel Sessions ( III )
<b>Day 2 – Tuesday, December 11, 2007   Academic Session</b>	
Morning Session	Plenary ( IV )
	Parallel Sessions ( IV )
	Plenary ( V )
	Parallel Sessions ( V )
12:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session	Plenary ( VI )
	Parallel Sessions ( VI )
	Plenary ( VII )
	Parallel Sessions ( VII )
<b>Day 3 - Wednesday, December 12, 2007</b>	
Morning Session	Government Session
12:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session	Non-governmental Session
<b>Day 4 – Thursday, December 13, 2007</b>	
Morning Session	Business Session
12:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session	High level Roundtable Session
<b>Day 5 – Friday, December 14   Post-Conference Workshop</b>	
Morning Session	Workshop ( I )
12:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session	Workshop ( II )
<b>Day 6 - Saturday, December 15, 2007   Post-Conference Workshop</b>	
Morning Session	Workshop ( III )
12:00	Lunch
Afternoon Session	Workshop ( IV )

## Registration Information

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Please see the attached Registration Form.

## Call for Abstracts

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You are invited to submit abstracts on topics related to the theme of the Conference and sub-themes (Workshop topics) for presentations at the Conference. **All participants selected to present at the Conference must register and pay the registration fee in order to be included in the final program.**

Abstracts should be submitted in a structured format and should be 250 words or less, and should include the following elements:

- **Background and Purpose:** Description of the problem, study objectives, research question(s) and/or hypothesis(es).
- **Methods:** Study design, including a description of participants and sampling methods, data collection procedures, measures, and appropriate analytic/statistical approach.
- **Results:** Specific results in summary form.
- **Conclusions and Implications:** Description of the main outcome(s) of the study and implications for practice, policy, or further research.

Please indicate the name, the institution and the email address of the author(s) at the end of the abstract. You can submit the abstract by fax to (8610) 6275-1976, or email to [ifdd2007@163.com](mailto:ifdd2007@163.com). You can also mail it to the following address:

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