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Our Mission

Overseas Young Chinese Forum (OYCF) was established in 1999 to provide a forum for overseas young Chinese scholars, graduate students and professionals to exchange views on issues concerning China and to develop common aspirations. Over the years OYCF has evolved into an organization dedicated to promoting exchange of ideas, exploring solutions, sponsoring teaching, research and publication projects, and contributing to China's development. As an organization run by volunteers, OYCF advocates, cultivates and nourishes voluntarism, and seeks to attract those who share our concerns and commitment toward China.

Organization Profile

OYCF is a non-profit organization based in the United States.

OYCF sponsors short term teaching trips by overseas scholars and professionals to universities in China. Currently we award a total of 14 teaching fellowships annually, which are supported by the Ford Foundation and Professor Gregory Chow.

Since August 31, 1999, OYCF has been publishing an online journal titled *Perspectives*. We now publish the journal both in English and Chinese. The journal serves as another platform for discussions of current issues. Currently, *Perspectives* has more than 2,000 e-mail subscribers from more than ten countries in four continents and is available on our web site.

We organize an annual meeting for our members, and each year's meeting is devoted to one theme related to China's development. Since 1999, our annual meetings have focused on social and political philosophy of liberalism (1999), sustainability of economic development in China (2000), China in the 20th century (2001), the WTO, the Olympics and the aftermath of 9/11 (2002), civil society (2003), China's women issues (2004), and China issues (2005), social classes in transitional China (2006), and cultural production and consumption in China (2007). In November 2006, OYCF published its first post-conference volume (for 2005 annual meeting) in Chinese in Hong Kong.

Since October 2002, OYCF, jointly with the 1990 Institute, has been sponsoring research projects that focus on economic and social issues related to China.

Finally, OYCF hosts regular roundtable discussions and salon gatherings through its local chapters and affiliates in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Ann Arbor, Stanford, Berkeley and Hong Kong.

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Annual Meeting

OYCF organizes an annual meeting each spring. Usually held during the Memorial Day weekend, the event sees 70 to 80 members and guests from diverse backgrounds meet to exchange views on a variety of issues relating to China. Together, we explore various factors that drive current and future changes in China.

In 2006, OYCF published in Chinese a post-conference volume for its 2005 annual meeting on Rural China titled 《乡村中国：改革中的农村、农民和农业》 (*China's Rural Society, Peasants and Agriculture in the Reform Era*). OYCF is working on publishing a post-conference volume for the 2006 annual meeting.

Highlights from Past Meetings

The 2007 Annual Meeting. We successfully co-sponsored our 2007 annual meeting on May 25-27 with the Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in coordination with OYCF's sister organization, Michigan China Fellows. The theme was on "Cultural Production and Consumption in Contemporary China," and the meeting continued to attract prominent as well as aspiring scholars and professionals.

The 2006 Annual Meeting. For the first time, we successfully co-sponsored our 2006 annual meeting on May 26-28 with the Center for Asian Studies, University of California, Irvine (UCI). The theme was on "Social Classes in

Transitional China," and over 70 scholars, graduate students and professionals from North America and China attended the meeting. Several professors noted that the meeting was one of the best conferences on China they had attended.

The 2005 Annual Meeting. OYCF held its seventh annual meeting on May 27-30, 2005 at University of Connecticut at Storrs. The theme was "The State of Rural China: Chinese Peasants, Agriculture and Rural Society in the Reform Era." More than 70 scholars, graduate students and professionals attended the meeting, and the speakers included a group of distinguished scholars from both the U.S. and China.

The 2004 Annual Meeting. OYCF held its sixth annual meeting on May 28-31, 2004 in Bryn Mawr near Philadelphia. Over 60 scholars, graduate students and professionals gathered to discuss "Gender and Women's Issues in China." Prior to the meeting, we issued a "Call for Papers" and received many excellent submissions. The speakers discussed theoretical and practical issues related to general equality and challenges facing Chinese women today.

The 2003 Annual Meeting. The fifth annual meeting was held in May 2003 in the sunny Bay Area in California. Around 70 people attended this meeting, the theme of which was "Understanding Civil Society." The participants discussed civil society and its development in various quarters of contemporary China, including the rural area, private enterprises, NGOs, media, etc.

The 2002 Annual Meeting. The fourth annual meeting was held on May 25-27, 2002 in Bryn Mawr near Philadelphia. With 70 people in attendance, the meeting's theme was "WTO, Olympics, and 9/11: A New China Facing a New World?" The speakers discussed WTO issues, political changes, law and constitutionalism, U.S.-China relations, universal versus Chinese values and identity issues.

The 2001 Annual Meeting. The third annual meeting took place during May 26-28, 2001, near Newport, Rhode Island. The theme was "China in the 20th Century: A Review." Over 70 people attended the meeting and discussed various aspects of China's history (economic, political, social, and cultural) in the past century.

The 2000 Annual Meeting. OYCF held its second annual meeting during May 26-28, 2000 on *China's Sustainable Development: an Institutional Perspective*. Over 40 people gathered in Southbury, Connecticut, and explored China's sustainable development and education policy, environment, information technology, entrepreneurship, village elections, the rule of law, and institutional changes.

The 1999 Annual Meeting. The inaugural meeting of OYCF took place during April 23-25, 1999 in Concord, New Hampshire on "Liberalism and China." It was an appropriate forum for launching OYCF, as it summed up a liberalism discussion among a group of founding members in the spring of 1999. The meeting brought together 35 young Chinese students, scholars and professionals across the U.S.

Detailed notes of all annual meetings are available online at <http://www.oycf.org>.

Perspectives, OYCF's Journal

Perspectives: China and the World is an online journal published quarterly by OYCF. The goal of *Perspectives* is to facilitate the exchange of ideas, promote cross-disciplinary dialogue, and stimulate new thinking. While we focus on commentaries and essays relating to China's economic, cultural, political and social changes, we also publish articles introducing important ideas in the humanities and social sciences. The journal publishes both Chinese and English articles. Selected English articles from *Perspectives* were translated into Chinese and published by *Open Times*, a Chinese journal published by Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences in China. A number of articles have frequently been requested to be included in course materials and other publications. Since August 1999, OYCF has published 63 issues of *Perspectives* with a total of over 400 articles.

Perspectives now reaches more than 2,500 e-mail subscribers from over ten countries in four continents. In addition, *Perspectives* has attracted more readers through OYCF's web site at <http://www.oycf.org>. The journal has been well received both in China and internationally.

Selected Articles on Perspectives

▪ **Debate**

1. Chinese Village Elections

- a. *Self-Government in Chinese Villages: An Evaluation* (Jiquan XIANG)
- b. *Myth and Reality: The Chinese Village Elections* (Ying SHANG)

2. Chinese Intellectuals

- a. *Taking Rights Seriously in Beijing* (Ronald DWORKIN)
- b. *Taking Academic Games Seriously* (Liufang FANG)
- c. *Taking Dworkin Seriously* (Yanan PENG)
- d. *Professor Dworkin and His China Trip* (Zhangrun XU)

▪ **Political Theory and Practice**

1. *One Reform, Two Mechanisms: An Evaluation of Theoretical Disputes on Market Reforms* (Yu LIU)
2. *Two Kinds of Freedom and Democracy: Reflections on the Debate between "Liberals" and "Neo-Leftists" in China* (Jilin XU)
3. *The Universal Value of Democracy* (Amartya SEN)
4. *In Quest of Democracy* (Aung San Suu Kyi)

▪ **Economics**

1. *Grass-Roots Democracy, Economic Development and Government Regulation* (Ran TAO, Mingxing LIU)
2. *Goal and Process* (Yingyi QIAN)
3. *China's Economic Reform: Past, Present and Future* (Jinglian WU)
4. *Grabbing Hand vs. Enabling Hand: A Comparison of China and Japan in Response to the West in late 19th Century* (Li-an ZHOU)

▪ **Law**

1. *Will Civil Liberties in Hong Kong Survive the Implementation of the Article 23?* (Albert H.Y. CHEN)
2. *Let One Hundred Flowers Bloom, One Hundred Schools Contend: Debating Rule of Law in China* (Randy PEERENBOOM)
3. *The Law-making Law: A Solution to the Problems in the Chinese Legislative System?* (Yahong LI)
4. *A Comparative Study of the Chinese Patent Law Practice* (Yalei SUN)

▪ **History**

1. *Zhou Gong's Institution Building: Its Historical Impact and Humanistic Impact* (Jie LI)

2. *Questions and Answers on Rethinking the May Fourth Movement* (Yuanhua WANG)

▪ **Society and Culture**

1. *In Search of Lost Time: Cinematic Time and Private Memory in Tsai Ming-Liang's What Time Is It There?* (Ling ZHANG)
2. *Mourning Iris Chang* (William JIANG)
3. *Children of Migrants Facing China's Rural-Urban Divide* (Cora JUNGBLUTH)

▪ **International**

1. *Exporting Democracy to Iraq* (Paul D. CARRINGTON)
2. *Second Track in Multilateral Relations in Asia-Pacific Region* (Hu LI)
3. *Sino-U.S Relations in the Eyes of a Chinese Diplomat* (Yucheng LE)
4. *Financial Stability and Development in Post-WTO China* (Yingyi QIAN and Haizhou HUANG)

Teaching Programs

OYCF sponsors short term teaching trips by overseas scholars and professionals to universities or other comparable advanced educational institutions in China to facilitate the exchange of ideas and knowledge, and to enable overseas scholars and professionals to use their knowledge to contribute toward China's development. The subjects of the teaching program include various fields of law, humanities and social sciences.

The original teaching program started in 2000 with support from the the U.S.-China Legal Cooperation Fund and East Asian Legal Studies program at Harvard Law School, OYCF undertook a two-year teaching project and sponsored four teaching trips to the Law School of Renmin University of China in Beijing. In December 2002, OYCF received a second grant from the Fund, and jointly with the Financial Law Institute of Beijing University, sponsored four teaching trips between 2003 and 2005 to Beijing University Law School. During each trip, one or two OYCF members who are practising attorneys taught a three-week intensive course on American corporate and/or securities laws.

In 2002, with funding from the Ford Foundation and other institutional as well as individual donors, OYCF expanded its teaching program to cover other fields of law, humanities and social sciences. OYCF also opened the

teaching program to the public, soliciting applications from all over the world. Since then, our teaching program attracted wide attention, and each year we receive and process a large number of high quality teaching proposals submitted from around the globe.

In June 2004, our teaching program received a major boost with a \$200,000 endowment from Professor Gregory Chow, a world renowned economics professor at Princeton University, to be used to cover five (5) teaching fellowships per year. In May 2005, we received additional funding from the Ford Foundation for another five-year period. In April 2007, Professor Chow made an additional donation of \$160,000 to support an additional four (4) teaching fellowships.

OYCF now grants fourteen (14) teaching fellowships each year. The institutions that have benefited from our teaching programs included national as well as local universities, including Beijing University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University, Fudan University, Central China Normal University, Liaodong University, Hainan University, Xiamen University, Tibet University, etc.

We at OYCF are committed to continue our teaching program. We continue to seek financial support to expand our reach.

Research Programs

In October 2002, OYCF joined hands with The 1990 Institute and established joint fellowships to sponsor research projects on economic and social issues facing China. Since then, the research program received wide support among overseas scholars. Each year we process a number of high quality applications, and the 1990 Institute determines the final award. So far the program has sponsored six major research projects totaling \$42,000 that study important China issues including rural taxation, local governance and income disparity (2003), long term care for elders (2004), village elections and taxation (2005) and labor training and poverty alleviation (2005), and reform of public services and property rights and local government (2007). OYCF continues to work with The 1990 Institute to support China-related research in the future.

Other Cooperative Projects

Jointly with the Shanghai Institute of Law and Economics (SILE), OYCF undertook to organize the writing and publication of a series of short Chinese books with a view towards popularizing various fields of law and economics in China. This book series highlighted the interplay between law and economics, and it targeted general readers. Six books were published under this program.

Over the past years, OYCF has also established strategic relationships with other Chinese institutions, including the Development Research Center of China's State Council and *Strategy and Management*, a magazine based in Beijing. OYCF also expanded its cooperation with some United States-based Chinese institutions, including Harvard China Review at Harvard University, ChinaRains at Stanford University, Berkeley China Review at UC Berkeley, Michigan China Fellows at University of Michigan, 3S at Duke University, the 1990 Institute based in San Francisco, Organization of Chinese Americans - Chicago Chapter, and Chinese Association of Science and Technology - Washington DC Chapter.

Speakers at OYCF and Its Affiliates

Since October 1997, OYCF and its affiliates have sponsored more than 100 local seminars and salon discussions among students, scholars, professionals and government officials on important economic, political, cultural and social issues relating to China. The following are some highlights of the speakers' topics.

1997

- "Reform of State Owned Enterprises in China"
Angang HU, Chinese Academy of Science
- "Intellectual Property Protection in China"
Guoqiang LU, Shanghai High People's Court

1998

- "American Response to China's Growing Pains"
Ezra VOGEL, Harvard University
- "Nurturing Entrepreneurship in China"
Xiaokai YANG, Monash University, Australia
- "Challenges and Opportunities for Suzhou"
Xinsheng ZHANG, former Mayor, Suzhou

1999

- "Rural Development in China"
Mai LU, Development Research Center
- "China's Political Reform"
Zhiyuan CUI, MIT

2000

- "Chinese Stock Market's Reshuffling"
Guangshao TU, China Securities Regulatory Commission
- "China's Administrative Law"
Hanhua ZHOU, Academy of Social Science

2001

- "Return of State-owned Banks"
Yi WANG, China Development Bank
- "American Political System"
Xiaobo LU, Columbia University

2002

- "China's Financial Stability and Policy after Its Entry to the WTO"
Haizhou HUANG, IMF
- "Sino-US Relations after President Bush's Recent Visit to China"
Minxin PEI, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

2003

- "Private Education in China"
Jing LIN, University of Maryland
- "Current Challenges in China's Economic Reform"
Jinglian WU, Development Research Center, State Council
- "Another Look at Democracy: Overcoming Rankism in America"
Robert W. FULLER, Oberlin College
- "Reforms in China after the 16th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party"
Siyuan CAO, Director-General, Beijing Siyuan Merger and Bankruptcy Consultancy

2004

- "Political Corruption and Social Response: An examination of the case of Liu Yong and Baoma"
Zhiyong XU, visiting scholar at Yale, Beijing University
- "Rural Development in China: New Challenges Posed by WTO Accession"
Zhong TANG, Renmin University, China
- "What kind of rising power is China? The domestic roots of Chinese foreign policy"
Susan SHIRK, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; UC San Diego

2005

- “Modern Conservatism in America”
Ying MA, American Enterprise Institute
- “China’s Attorney System”
Xiaobing GONG, visiting fellow, Columbia University Law School
- “China Banking Reform and Trend”
Weiu MA, Chairman, China Merchants Bank
- “Sino-Japan Relations”
Zhenhai QIU, senior commentator, Phoenix TV

2006

- “US News Media Industry and Its Report on China,”
Michael MARSHALL, Editor-in-Chief, United Press International
- “Hong Kong’s Current Political and Legal Environment”
Elsie LEUNG (梁爱诗), Former Secretary of Justice of Hong Kong
- “Song, Ziwen - His Time and His Legacy”
Jingping WU (吴景平), Director and Professor, History Department, Center for Asia Pacific Studies, Fudan University

2007

- “Chiang Kai Shek’s Diary and the Anti-Japanese War”
Dr. Taichun KUO, Fellow, Hoover Institution
- “A Historical Perspective of the History,”
Weishi YUAN, professor, Department of Philosophy, Zhongshan University
- “The Spring-and-Autumn and Warring States Warfare and the Rise of Confucianism-Legalist States”
Dingxin ZHAO, Associate Professor, University of Chicago

2007 Operating Expenses

Seventh Annual Meeting:	\$11,898.62
Donation to other organizations:	2,300.00
Teaching trip reimbursement:	26,475.00
Paper collection publication:	9,000.00
Best Paper Award, Xia Fund	2,000.00
Miscellaneous:	857.10
Total:	\$52,530.72

2007 Receipts

Foundations

Chow Foundation	\$160,000.00
Yihong Xia Fund:	3,300.00
Investment Income:	8,841.44
Total:	\$172,144.44

General

General Donations:	\$13,470.78
Membership/Meeting Fee:	1,040.00
Interest Income:	5,576.91
Admin. Fee Income:	1,985.53
Other Income:	200.00
Total:	\$22,273.22

Contribution and Membership

OYCF is a not-for-profit organization and has obtained the tax exemption status from the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions to OYCF are tax deductible and will be acknowledged at its annual meeting as well as in its annual report and other publications. The donations, except those specifically designated for teaching grant, are primarily used to subsidize OYCF’s annual meeting. The remaining is used to cover administrative expenses including web maintenance, mailing and funding expenses. All directors and officers of OYCF work on a voluntary basis. The following is the contribution and membership schedule:

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\$5,000:	Major donor
\$2,500:	Donor
\$1,000:	Sponsor
\$500:	Patron
\$200:	Supporter
\$100:	Contributor
\$25:	Professional member
\$15:	Student member

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- \$15 \$25
 \$100 \$300
 \$500 \$1,000
 \$2,500 \$5,000
 \$10,000
 Other Amount: _____

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Method of Payment:

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