

China Institute In America



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THE CHINA INSTITUTE in America is being conducted under the auspices of the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture. At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Foundation, held in Peking, February 26-28, 1926, a resolution was passed to establish in the United States a China Institute in America. Dr. P. W. Kuo, organizer and first president of the National Southeastern University, and Vice-President of the World Federation of Education Associations, was elected Director of the Institute.

The aim of the China Institute is to promote a closer cultural and educational relationship between China and America. The activities of the Institute, as conceived by the Board include the following:

The dissemination of information concerning Chinese and American education.

The promotion of a closer relationship between Chinese and American educational institutions through the exchange of professors and students.

Assisting Chinese students in America in their educational pursuits, and also helping American students interested in the study of things Chinese.

The stimulation of general interest in America in the study of Chinese culture.

In May the preliminary arrangements were completed and the Institute came into existence. Although the organization is still in its infancy, the work it has thus far been able to do, and the increasing demands for its services indicate clearly that it is meeting a long felt need.

Since its inauguration, the China Institute has organized a Chinese Educational Exhibit at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition in Philadelphia on behalf of the Chinese National Association for the Advancement of Education and the China Foundation for the Promotion of Education and Culture. The Exhibit has been regarded as one of the special features of the Exposition and has called forth most favorable comments from many educational experts.

The Institute has been of service to a number of distinguished Americans visiting China, either in furnishing them with letters of introduction or in arranging their itineraries. The list includes the names of educators, publicists, editors, and representatives of organizations interested in China. In the case of certain prominent professors, invitations have been secured for them to lecture in the leading educational institutions of China.

In response to inquiries, the Institute has been supplying information to individuals and institutions concerning educational, political, and economic conditions in China. In certain cases, people studying specific Chinese problems have been directed to original sources of information.

During the few months since the formation of the Institute, the Director, in answer to many calls to speak on China, has travelled about ten thousand miles and addressed audiences aggregating more than 20,000 people. The Director was also invited to speak on China at the Williams-town Institute of Politics and represented the Chinese Ministry of Education and the National Association for the Advancement of Education at the Fiftieth Anniversary Conference of the American Library Association.

Owing to the growing interest in China, the China Institute is prepared to assist the American public to secure American and Chinese speakers competent to discuss the various phases of China's national life.

The China Institute has also been of service to some of the Chinese students in America in facilitating their admission to colleges and universities and in supplying them with letters of introduction and testimony. It has been able to give them information on educational opportunities in this country and to assist them in their selection of institutions and courses of study. In view of the fact that there are some 2500 Chinese studying in this country, the opportunities for service among them represent an important phase of the Institute's work.

Among the other activities which the Institute proposes to undertake are: the building up of a library of reference on China, the conducting of

research on problems affecting Chinese-American relationships, and the publication of reports and bulletins about cultural developments in China and America.

In attempting to realize its aims and to carry out its activities the China Institute endeavors to cooperate with organizations having similar interests and purposes, such as the Institute of International Education, the International Institute, the China Society of America, the American Friends of China Society, the Institute of Pacific Relations, the World Federation of Education Associations, as well as other educational and cultural associations.

Such being the nature of the China Institute, its significance can easily be appreciated. The relationship between China and America, covering a period of a century and a half, has been characterized by a sustained feeling of cordiality and friendliness. This happy relationship needs to be further strengthened and developed through the promotion of better understanding and deeper appreciation of each other's culture. The China Institute seeks to bring about the realization of this ideal and renders a service both to China and to America.

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