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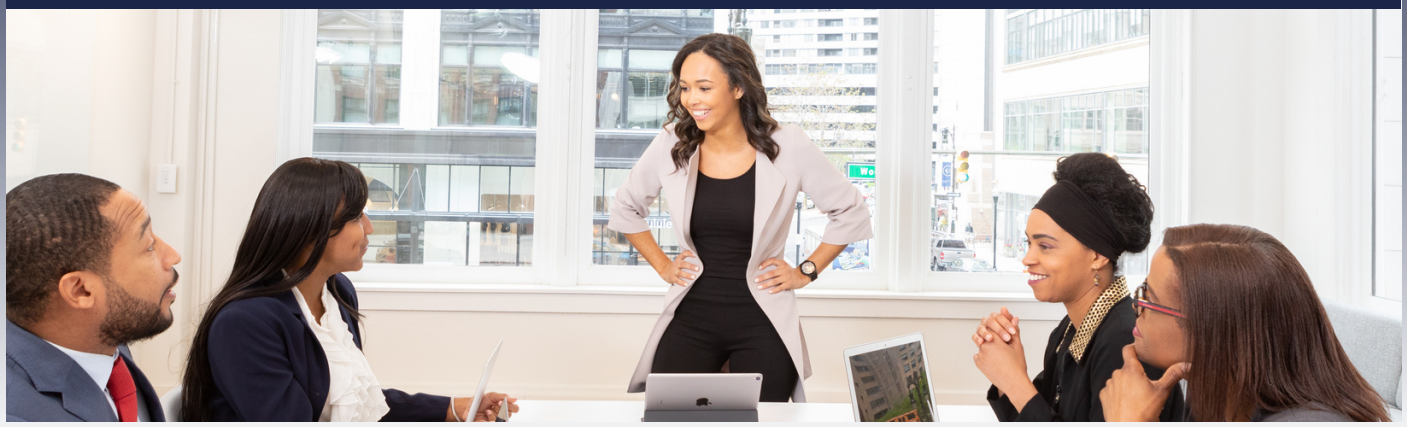
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Highlights



All-China Women's Federation and Other 13 Departments Jointly Deploy the 2023 Summer Childcare Activities

Jul.5

Recently, the All-China Women's Federation, the Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission, the Supreme People's Court, the Supreme People's Procuratorate, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the National Health Commission, the Ministry of Emergency Management, the General Administration of Sport, the All-China Federation of Trade Unions, the Communist Youth League of China and the China Cares for the Next Generation Working Committee, a total of 14 departments issued a notice on the implementation of the 2023 summer childcare service campaign “Children and Teenagers Heart Towards the Party” (hereinafter referred to as the “Notice”).



The Notice stresses that service and care activities should highlight the main theme and strengthen the patriotic education for youngsters and children. Colorful moral practice activities surrounding “Children and Teenagers Heart Towards the Party”, such as education on revolutionary tradition and the core values of socialism, should be carried out closely related to the implementation of the fundamental task of cultivating morality.

The campaign should focus on safety and protection of the children, strengthening social publicity and education. Parents should be empowered to fulfill their duties. Activities like parents' classes, mental health lectures and homeschooling salons etc. should help parents master scientific knowledge of childcare, and effectively perform their guardianship duties. Primary and secondary schools and kindergartens should be guided to carry out safety education activities before the holiday, so that parents and children can keep safety concern in mind during the summer vacation. Governmental, local entities and platforms should jointly carry out specific programs to form a comprehensive safety net for children, such as the “2023 Summer Cleanup Project: Governance of Internet Environment for Minors”.

The Notice also points out the necessity of improving children’s all-round development through organizing practices and activities during vacation. Different kinds of recreational and sports activities should be provided for the children to enrich their life, aiming at reducing the rate of obesity and myopia, and building up their bodies. Out-of-school educational institutions of different levels and types should make full use of their characteristics and advantages with regard to the implementation of well-rounded education, guiding parents and children to attend one science class together, to participate in one voluntary activity together, to visit venues for cultural, sports and scientific activities together etc. so as to help improve children’s all-round ability.





The campaign should concentrate on issues that are urgent, difficult, worrying and expected to be addressed, for example caring for left-behind children and children in need. Community administrator, executive committee of the Women’s Federation, barefoot social workers for children and women volunteers should be organized together to investigate and interview the residents so as to help them solve problems. The practice of paired-up assistance should be further enhanced, providing psychological, academic and legal counselling, plus affectionate care and other targeted assistance to left-behind children and children in need. Furthermore, summer childcare service should be strengthened as well.

The Notice requires that local departments should strengthen organizational leadership, enhance departmental cooperation, co-ordinate the resources of all parties, and improve the regular and long-term care and service mechanism. They should also pay more effort to investigation, research and on-site visits so as to accurately grasp the actual needs of parents and children. On this basis, the activities should be carefully designed, innovating and expanding the ways and forms, so as to ensure that the care and service activities are smoothly carried out and achieve tangible results.(Images and texts originate from CHINA PHILANTHROPY TIMES)

Policy Update

Notice by 10 departments of Further Strengthening the Standardized Management of Forum Events

Aug.9

Recently, the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, the Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission, the Foreign Affairs Office of the CPC Central Committee, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, and the State Administration for Market Regulation, a total of 10 departments issued the notice of Further Strengthening the Standardized Management of Forum Events (hereinafter referred to as the "Notice"), offering the following work requirements for forum events (including forums, summits, annual meetings, and other conference activities with a forum nature) held by various entities for the public.

The Notice requires that, forum events shall be held under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and core socialist values shall be practiced and relevant laws, regulations, and policies shall be observed, and ensure that forum

events adhere to the correct political direction, value orientation, and public opinion orientation. Various private actors holding forum events shall be legally registered and have legal status. An enterprise or social organization that is not legally registered or has no actual organizer shall not hold in public forum events. The name of a forum event shall be accurate, standardized, and worthy of the name, and shall not be arbitrarily labeled with the words "China", "All-China", "National", "International", "World", "Summit", "High-end", and "Peak". The theme of a forum event shall not exceed the scope of duties of the organizer. Any sub-forum or parallel forum shall closely focus on the theme of the main forum event.

The Notice strengthened that, on the one hand, various illegal activities should be strictly cracked down on, especially focusing on forum events held in public by an actor who is not legally registered, fake forum events, and fraud in the disguise of forum events. Public security departments crack down on illegal fund-raising, illegal business operations, pyramid schemes, fraud, and other illegal and criminal activities according to the law. Responsibility of different regulatory departments shall be made clear so as to form a long-term mechanism for the fight. On the other hand, forum activities that are properly organized shall be encouraged by means of strengthening publicity and promotion, providing operational guidance, giving commendations and awards etc., in order to create a batch of model and leading branded forum activities.

The Notice has put forward concrete requirements for the regulation and management of the hosting of forum activities by Party and government organs and the units under them, and further clarified host responsibility, local management responsibility and industry regulatory responsibility. The Notice also requires to regulate the entity providing the venue and the media platforms for the promotion of forum activities. In the meantime, it emphasized strengthening credit management and societal oversight. For entities that host forum activities that violate laws and regulations causing a negative social impact, the relevant departments in charge should include them in the scope of credit management and put them under key regulation. The broad public should be encouraged to make reports and complaints and to preserve their own rights and interests in accordance with law.

It is reported that since March this year, the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and several departments have jointly deployed a nationwide special regulation project of forum activities, and various regions and departments have earnestly implemented and actively cooperated with each other to crack down on a number of illegal behaviors, and the chaos of forum activities has been effectively curbed. The issuance of the Notice is aimed at consolidating the results of the regulation and management work, continuing to combat and rectify illegal behaviors, further regulating management, continuously improving quality, and giving full play to the positive role of forum activities in economic, social and cultural development.(Images and texts originate from the internet)

News about CANGO



Belt and Road Civil Forum for Women and Children Development Successfully Held in Beijing

Oct.21

On the afternoon of 20th October, the Belt and Road Civil Forum for Women and Children Development was successfully held in Beijing under the guidance of China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE), hosted by China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), and co-organized by Beijing Ambridge International Cultural Development Co Ltd. and Wenzhou Medical University, in which more than 300 delegates from the countries along the Belt and Road participated in the forum on-site or on-line.



Wang Ke, Deputy Secretary General of CNIE delivered a video message. He said that women in China are an important force in the comprehensive construction of Chinese path to modernization, while children are the hope for the future, and that women and children will surely play an important role in the high-quality construction of the Belt and Road and the enhancement of people-to-people bonds.



Joseph Kulwa Kahama, Secretary General of Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association, said in his speech that Tanzania has done a lot of work under the framework of Belt and Road Initiative, and that in turn, the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative has helped Tanzania to build up its domestic infrastructure and achieve sustainable development, in which women and children, the media and civil society organizations have also played a very crucial role. At the same time, the Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association also focuses on promoting the development of women and children.

Li Jing, Member of the Leading Party Group and Deputy Chairperson of the Women's Federation of Shaanxi Province, said in her speech that women and women's organizations are an important force for social development, and that the Shaanxi Women's Federation has continued to promote women's and children's development at the grassroots level, and to encourage women and women's social organizations to take part in the construction of the Belt and Road, and to share the stories of Chinese women and women's organizations with other countries. At the same time, Shaanxi Province as an important node of the Belt and Road, continues to promote exchanges between women and women's organizations in countries along the Silk Road.





Phoukham Vongvichit, Chairperson of Lancang-Mekong Development Foundation, said in her speech that women are the builders, promoters and contributors to the Belt and Road Initiative, and children are the hope for the future of the world. “The cause of women and children's development is of great merit for the present generation and will benefit the future,” she said. On the journey of promoting women and children's development, the Lancang-Mekong Development Foundation has always endeavored to bring together the strengths of all parties, and to promote equal development opportunities and a bright future for women and children around the globe.

Zhang Yexia, Chief Representative of Plan International Inc. Shaanxi Representative, said in her speech that this forum focuses on the “development of women and children in countries along the Belt and Road, and the promotion of communication, cooperation and co-creation”, which has a lot of resonance with Plan International’s mission and global strategy. For the sake of an inclusive, equal and prosperous future, all parties should work together, share their experiences, and mobilize their strengths and resources to support the development of girls and young women in the Belt and Road countries and to address their challenges.



In the keynote speech session, Du Jie, Director of the Women's Research Institute of the All-China Women's Federation and Secretary General of the China Women's Studies Association, shared her observations and reflections on China's efforts to promote gender equality and the well-being of women and children in the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative, under the title of One Belt, One Road: The Road to Gender Equality and Women's and Children's Well-being. She suggested that it was necessary to incorporate gender awareness into policies and projects, further stimulate women's potential and promote women's participation in development, enhance the well-being of the people, and make greater contributions to the global promotion of gender equality and women's development and the safeguarding of children's well-being.

Yu Huiling, Founder and Chairperson of Beijing Fuqun Social Service Center, spoke on the topic of Women and Children and Climate Change. Beijing Fuqun Social Service Centre is a social organization dedicated to promoting community-based nature conservation and sustainable development. In the extremely fragile Tibetan Plateau region, Fuqun organizes communities to carry out nature-based grassland ecological restoration practices to actively respond to the degradation of pastureland brought about by the plateau's climatic changes; encourages the women of the Sanjiangyuan Area to develop climate-adapted agriculture and animal husbandry to enhance the local herders' ability to withstand extreme weather. It has also continued to carry out climate education and green school construction to enhance the climate response capacity of the next generation.

Li Junhong, Minister of the Department of Publicity and Executive President of Women's Federation, Wenzhou Medical University, focused on the topic of life and health. In her speech, she introduced the projects of Wenzhou Medical University that aimed at providing medical and volunteer services in countries along the Belt and Road. She highlighted the "Angel of Life for Africa" Belt and Road Midwifery Training Program, launched in 2018 by Wenzhou Medical University, Beijing Ambridge International Cultural Development Co Ltd., Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association, and China Association for NGO Cooperation. This project is committed to popularizing knowledge of maternal and child healthcare and providing training in midwifery assistive technology to international students and healthcare workers in Africa. It has trained more than 250 African midwife assistants from 17 countries including Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Rwanda, which has played a positive role in promoting the people-to-people bonds between Chinese and African people and upgrading the health of mothers and infants in Africa.







Samy Abdel Samad Nasef, Dean of the Faculty of Physical Therapy, The Egyptian Chinese University, focused on the topic Women, children and health, sharing the effects of combining traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) with physiotherapy programs for the development of women and children. Women during pregnancy and after childbirth suffer from many problems such as low back pain, pelvic girdle pain, breast pain, musculoskeletal disorders, cardiovascular problems, etc. These problems have physical, physiological, hormonal and psychological impacts on women and are reflected in their well-being, quality of life and re-entry into employment. The combination of TCM and physiotherapy can speed up recovery and improve short-term quality of life. The Egyptian Chinese University is a gateway to introduce TCM and physiotherapy to Egypt, the Middle East and Africa. The collaboration between The Egyptian Chinese University and Chinese universities has greatly contributed to and enriched the scientific progress in Egypt.





Diao Chunhe, Executive President of the Alliance of Chinese Business in Africa for Social Responsibility, shared his experience and insights on the protection of women's and children's rights and interests, mainly from the perspective of promoting the fulfilment of corporate social responsibility, focusing on the topic of Women and Children in the “Belt and Road” Infrastructure Construction and Corporate Social Responsibility. He said that Alliance of Chinese Business in Africa for Social Responsibility integrates the five elements of innovation, coordination, greenness, openness and sharing, and implements the development model of “social responsibility + industrial cooperation + fruit sharing” to help enterprises achieve both social and economic benefits and sustainable development together with African society. The efficient fulfilment of social responsibility by Chinese enterprises in countries along the “Belt and Road” has become a major factor in their harmony coexistence with local development, promotion of the long-term and sustainable development of the local economy, and the overall progress of the local society.

At the forum, the third phase of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Program and the “Angel of Life for Africa” Belt and Road Midwifery Training Program were officially launched, in the hope that social organizations from various countries will join hands to participate in, and support the high-quality development of women and children under the Belt and Road Initiative.



In the roundtable session on the theme of Women and Children Participating in Building and Sharing the Belt and Road, Prasen Jit Khati, Director of Influencing Campaign and Communication of Plan International Nepal, Yin Qian, Country Director of the China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) Ethiopia Office, Yu Dongyun, Member of the Party Committee and Director of the International Exchange Center, China National Children's Center, and Bai Xiaorong, Vice Chairperson of Gansu Xingbang Social Work Service Center were invited to speak, introducing the work carried out by their respective organizations in the area of women and children's development, and sharing their insights as well as their outlook for the future.



At the forum, several organizers jointly launched the Initiative on Employment of Young Women and Equal Access to Development Opportunities under the SDGs, to actively promote young women's full participation in socio-economic development, create an equal and inclusive environment for employment, entrepreneurship and career development, and support young women to give full play to their potential as a positive force for socio-economic development and the construction of the Belt and Road. Wang Jing, a youth representative from Yulin, Shaanxi Province, explained that she had acquired professional competence through the youth employment program and mastered a skill. Therefore she called on society as a whole to pay attention to women's education, health and development, so that more women could give full play to their potential in a friendly environment and contribute to social development.





Huang Haoming, Honorary Chairperson of China Association for NGO Cooperation, delivered a video summary of the Forum. He mentioned that this year is the first year of implementing the spirit of the 20th Party Congress and the 10th anniversary of President Xi Jinping's initiative to build the Belt and Road Initiative. At the recent Third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, President Xi Jinping announced eight major steps China will take to support the joint pursuit of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation, of which the third step, “carrying out practical cooperation” and the sixth step, “supporting people-to-people exchanges” are both closely related to social organizations, which is also the direction of our future development and where our hopes lie. Today's forum is also included in the Belt and Road series of supporting activities for people-to-people bonds, and the theme of the forum is also in line with the main content of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We will deepen civil society exchanges and cooperation with countries along the Belt and Road, and work together to promote common socio-economic development and achieve win-win development.(Images and texts originate from the internet)