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Compiler's NOTES

The Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Academic Degrees became effective on January 1, 1981. The State Council of the PRC approved subsequently in November of 1981 the first list of institutions of higher learning and research institutes authorized to confer doctor's and master's degrees (hereinafter referred to as degree-conferring units) together with the fields in which each of these units is authorized to confer the doctor's and master's degrees and the supervisors of doctoral work. In 1984 and 1986, two additional lists were approved. For the purpose of promoting international exchanges, contacts and cooperation in the field of postgraduate education and academic degrees, we have compiled on the basis of the three lists the Directory of Chinese Institutions of Higher Learning and Research Institutes Authorized to Confer Doctor's and Master's Degrees (English edition), to be published and distributed both at home and abroad.

According to the provisions of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Academic Degrees, these degree-conferring units have the right to decide either to confer a degree to the applicant or refuse to do so without referring to the department at a higher level for approval. In exercising its supervision of the quality of degrees at all levels, the state relies mainly on the rigorous evaluation and review process the degree-conferring units are subject to. In the process of reviewing degree-conferring units, the principles of upholding standards, setting up strict requirements, guaranteeing quality and being fair and reasonable are consistently adhered to. The procedure is as follows: the competent department of the Central Government shall conduct a preliminary review of the application submitted by a potential degree-conferring unit which is followed by a re-examination conducted by a Disciplinary Appraisal Group under the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council. After the re-examination and with the concurrence of the Academic Degrees Committee, the application is submitted to the State Council for final approval. In order to simplify the procedure, the State Council delegated the authority in December 1985 to the Academic Degrees Committee for making final approval.

After previous reviews and approval at three different times, at present, there exist in the People's Republic of China 238 doctor's degree-conferring units, of which 189 are

institutions of higher learning, 49 are scientific research institutes; 545 master's degree-conferring units, of which 396 are institutions of higher learning, 149 are scientific research institutes. 1830 doctoral programmes in various disciplines have been approved, of which 1501 are conducted in institutions of higher learning, 329 in scientific research institutes; 6407 master's degree programmes in various disciplines have been authorized, of which 5513 are conducted in institutions of higher learning, 894 in scientific research institutes. Now in China academic degrees are conferred in the following branches of learning: philosophy, economics, law, education, literature, history, natural science, engineering, agriculture, medicine and military science. According to the Nomenclature of the Disciplines and Specialities to be Used for Conferring Doctor's and Master's degrees in Institutions of Higher Learning and Research Institutes (draft for trial implementation) formulated in 1983, there are 638 subdisciplines or specialities.

The review and approval of degree-conferring units is the responsibility of various Disciplinary Appraisal Groups of the State Council's Academic Degrees Committee. These groups are academic organizations under the State Council's Academic Degrees Committee. The members of each group are drawn from scholars and specialists of high academic attainments, to be appointed by the State Council's Academic Degrees Committee. The work of review and approval is carried out in accordance with the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Academic Degrees, the Provisional Measures for the Implementation of the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Academic Degrees, and the Principles and Procedures of Review and Approval of Academic Degree-Conferring Units by the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council. In this book, we have included the Provisional Organic Rules of the Disciplinary Appraisal Groups under the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council together with the above mentioned three documents. Through these documents we hope that our readers may have a better and comprehensive understanding of the academic degree system in China.

The following points deserve attention when consulting this Directory:

1. In order to meet the diverse needs of readers, the Directory is divided into two parts containing essentially the same information arranged in different ways. In Part One the relevant information is arranged by institutions and their location (province, autonomous region or municipality) in an orderly fashion; while in Part Two the relevant information is provided under the headings of different branches of learning and their subdivisions, that is, following the same order as given in the Nomenclature of the Disciplines and Specialities to be Used for Conferring Doctor's and Master's Degrees in Institutions of Higher Learning and Research Institutes (draft), formulated in 1983.

2. The professional titles of supervisors of doctoral work are those effective as of August 31, 1986. The names of the deceased who died before August 31, 1986 are enclosed in rectangles.

3. At the end an index of the names and addresses of the degree-conferring units is given to facilitate communication.

4. In orthography, the Directory adopts British English usage with the exception of the names of some degree-conferring units, where the preference of the institutions concerned is respected.

The preparation of the English version was supervised by Mr. Wu Benxia and Ms. Liang Guizhi, Director and Deputy Director of the Office of the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council. Mr. Huang Shiqi, Vice President of the Chinese Education Association for International Exchanges, was responsible for the review and revision of the English text. As regards the terminology used in the names of scientific disciplines, specialities or fields of study, scores of scholars drawn from various Disciplinary Appraisal Groups were consulted to ensure correctness in translation.

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REGULATIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON ACADEMIC DEGREES

(Adopted at the 13th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Fifth National People's Congress and Promulgated by Order No. 5 of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress on February 12, 1980, and Effective as of January 1, 1981)

Article 1 These Regulations are formulated for the purpose of promoting the growth of specialized personnel, helping to raise the academic level of various branches of learning and promoting the development of education and science in our country, in order to meet the needs of the socialist modernization.

Article 2 Any citizen who supports the leadership of the Communist Party of China and the socialist system and has attained certain academic standards may apply for an appropriate academic degree in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Article 3 Academic degrees shall be of three grades: the bachelor's degree, the master's degree and the doctor's degree.

Article 4 The bachelor's degree shall be conferred on graduates from institutions of higher learning who have good academic records and have attained the following academic standards:

(1) having a relatively good grasp of basic theories, specialized knowledge and basic skills in the discipline concerned; and

(2) having initially acquired the ability to undertake scientific research or to engage in specialized technical work.

Article 5 The master's degree shall be conferred on postgraduates in institutions of higher learning or scientific research institutes or persons with qualifications equivalent to postgraduates on graduation, who have passed examinations in the required courses for the master's degree and successfully defended their dissertations and have attained the following academic standards:

(1) having a firm grasp of basic theories and systematic, specialized knowledge in the discipline concerned; and

(2) having the ability to undertake scientific research or independently to engage in specialized technical work.

Article 6 The doctor's degree shall be conferred on postgraduates in institutions of higher learning or scientific research institutes or persons with qualifications equivalent to postgraduates on graduation, who have passed examinations in the required courses for the doctor's degree and successfully defended their dissertations and have attained the following academic standards:

(1) having a firm and comprehensive grasp of basic theories and profound and systematic specialized knowledge in the discipline concerned;

(2) having the ability to undertake independent scientific research; and

(3) having made creative achievements in science or in specialized technology.

Article 7 The State Council shall establish an Academic Degrees Committee to direct the work of conferring academic degrees throughout the country. The Academic Degrees Committee shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairmen and other members. The chairman, vice-chairmen and other members shall be appointed and removed by the State Council.

Article 8 The bachelor's degree shall be conferred by those institutions of higher learning authorized by the State Council. The master's and doctor's degrees shall be conferred by those institutions of higher learning and scientific research institutes authorized by the State Council.

A list of institutions of higher learning and scientific research institutes that may confer academic degrees (hereinafter referred to as degree-conferring units) and a list of the disciplines in which academic degrees may be conferred by each of these units shall be submitted to the State Council by its Academic Degrees Committee for approval and promulgation.

Article 9 Each degree-conferring unit shall establish an academic degree evaluation committee and form dissertation committees for the disciplines concerned.

A dissertation committee must include relevant specialists from other units, and the committee members shall be selected and determined by the degree-conferring unit concerned. A list of members of the academic degree evaluation committee shall be submitted by the degree-conferring unit to the competent department for approval. The competent department, in turn, shall present the approved list of members of the academic degree evaluation committee to the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council for the record.

Article 10 The dissertation committee shall be responsible for examining the dissertations for master's or doctor's degrees, organizing their oral defence and adopting resolutions whether or not to confer the master's or doctor's degrees. Each resolution