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前言

姚 望

经国务院批准，由博鳌亚洲论坛、联合国教科文组织、中国国家留学基金管理委员会主办，北京市海淀区人民政府承办的“亚洲教育北京论坛 2006 年年会”（以下简称：2006 年会）于 10 月 20 日—22 日在中国北京举行，会议取得了圆满成功。

一、亚洲教育北京论坛背景及历届年会概况

亚洲教育北京论坛的构想始于 2002 年。当时，博鳌亚洲论坛、联合国教科文组织（UNESCO）及中国国家留学基金管理委员会拟共同筹办“关于亚洲地区国际教育与国际化人才培养”的国际会议。上述三方经与中国教育部合作，将有关理念进一步发展为一个亚洲区域教育论坛并通过论坛予以实现。

“亚洲教育北京论坛”旨在建立一个高层对话平台，讨论亚洲教育发展面临的各种问题，为教育发展目标、决策和国际教育合作提供创新解决方案支持。此外，论坛还将探讨亚洲国家和地区在社会与社区发展中出现的各种问题，并通过文化与学术交流促进亚洲各国间的相互理解、共同提高。

经筹划，2003 年 12 月亚洲教育北京论坛发起者会议在北京召开。95 名来自 19 个国家和地区的政府主管部门、国际组织、跨国公司以及教育机构的嘉宾出席了亚洲教育北京论坛发起者会议。在博鳌亚洲论坛秘书长龙永图先生的主持下，菲律宾前总统拉莫斯、韩国前总理李寿成、尼泊尔前首相比斯塔、新西兰前总理珍妮·希普利、联合国教科文组织的代表亚太地区曼谷教育办事处主任谢尔顿·舒佛、哈萨克斯坦前总理捷列先科的代表萨迪汉、澳门基金会主席吴荣恪倡议创办亚洲教育北京论坛并签署了《发起者倡议书》，获得与会者的一致称赞。

次年 8 月“2004 亚洲教育北京论坛”会议在中国北京举行，同期有第十五届大学行政管理者国际会议、北京（学术）论坛、北京国际教育博览会三项国际教育交流活

动举行。来自世界40多个国家的1200多名代表出席了会议，掀起了亚洲区域国际教育交流热潮。中国国务委员陈至立女士会见了来宾，并代表中国政府对亚洲教育北京论坛的设想表示大力支持。

秉承论坛的宗旨，在中国教育部的支持及各方密切合作下，“亚洲教育北京论坛2005年会”于2005年10月在北京胜利召开。来自亚洲的26个国家和地区以及波兰、德国、匈牙利、美国等亚洲区域外的共计800多名嘉宾出席。17个国家和地区的教育部部长、副部长，24个国家和地区的司局级教育官员与会并发言。中国国务委员陈至立女士在论坛开幕式上发表了主旨演讲。遵循“开放、共赢”的原则，海淀区人民政府承办的“首届海淀教育节”和教育部发展研究中心举办的“中外职业教育发展论坛”，与本届年会同期举行并取得圆满成功。既达到了交相辉映、扩大影响，也实现了合作共赢。

二、2006 年会综述

（一）会议概况

本次会议吸引了来自41个国家和地区的近800名嘉宾与会。其中应邀前来的重要嘉宾有：菲律宾前总统拉莫斯，新西兰前总理珍妮·希普利，欧中商务合作中心主席、比利时王国前副首相、名誉副议长荷塞·德马赫等前政要，联合国教科文组织亚太地区曼谷教育办事处主任谢尔顿·舒佛，联合国教科文组织北京代表处代表青岛泰之，澳门基金会主席吴荣恪，太平洋岛国论坛秘书处海伦·塔维拉，欧洲议会海外合作发展委员会主席聂吉·迪瓦等。此外阿富汗、亚美尼亚、阿塞拜疆、巴林、朝鲜、斐济等国共28名教育部长和副部长，38名负责教育的司局级官员及部分国家驻华使馆教育官员、国外著名大学校长、教育专家，有关国家教育基金组织以及国内教育官员、教育界专家学者代表等出席了论坛年会。

2006年会会期两天。主论坛有“教育部长圆桌会议”、“博鳌亚洲教育合作磋商会议”及“亚欧教育合作圆桌会议”。此外还有“亚洲艺术教育论坛”、“亚洲职业教育发展论坛”、“科普与创新教育论坛”、“双语教学论坛”等分论坛同期举行。

同期重要活动有：首届亚洲学生摄影大赛，第二届海淀教育节，“中国学生艺术团”成立仪式暨首场演出，2008北京奥运工程参观等。

2006年共有70多家新闻单位，近百名中外记者采访了“亚洲教育北京论坛2006年年会”和开幕式等活动，其中有20多位教育部长接受了相关媒体专访，媒体们都纷纷盛赞大会的圆满成功。

（二）具体情况介绍

1. 开幕式——于20日下午在钓鱼台国宾馆举行了2006年会开幕式。开幕式由中国教育部副部长章新胜主持，菲律宾前总统拉莫斯、博鳌亚洲论坛秘书长龙永图、联合国教科文组织亚太地区曼谷教育办事处主任谢尔顿·舒佛、论坛举办地政府代表海淀区委副书记彭兴业先生致词；仪式上国务委员陈至立分别向6家奖学金捐赠单位代表及来自13个国家的22名学生颁奖。来自哈萨克斯坦的学生铁木真代表获奖学生进行了讲话。

开幕式前国务委员陈至立会见了部分贵宾，对论坛表示了赞赏和支持。

2. 教育部长圆桌会议——于21日全天举行。会议由联合国教科文组织亚太地区曼谷教育办事处主任谢尔顿·舒佛、新西兰前总理珍妮·希普利共同主持。上午28名教育部长和副部长就本国教育发展战略进行演讲，下午大家就共同关心的问题进行了讨论，部长们相互分享了各国的教育成果、教育改革发展目标、成功方案等，亦提出了加强合作的多项设想。会议气氛热烈。

当晚，中国教育部部长周济宴请了参会的各国教育部长，并于晚宴前与部分国家教育部长进行了友好会晤。

3. 博鳌亚洲教育合作磋商会议——于20日上午举行。会议由中国教育部国际司曹国兴司长，菲律宾高等教育委员会主席普诺先生共同主持，38名来自亚太地区负责国际教育的司局级官员，以及部分国家驻华使领馆官员就区域内学生及学者流动、学历学位互认、教育教学质量监管、ICT网络建设及奖学金设置进行了广泛磋商，并提出了加强合作的愿望与设想。

4. 亚欧教育合作圆桌会议——于21日中午举行。会议由比利时王国前副首相、欧中商务合作中心主席荷塞·德马赫先生主持，来自菲律宾、朝鲜、尼泊尔、斯里兰卡、巴基斯坦等12国的教育部长，以及来自德国、波兰等欧洲驻华使馆大使及官员参加，探讨了亚欧教育合作领域的诸多问题。会上欧洲议会海外合作发展委员会主席聂吉·迪瓦先生发表主旨演讲，亚洲各国部长纷纷表示了加强合作的意愿。

5. 闭幕式——22日中午，为期两天的2006年会在稻香湖景酒店落下帷幕。闭幕式由亚洲教育北京论坛秘书长姚望主持，联合国教科文组织北京办事处主任青岛泰之致闭幕辞。会上举行了“首届亚洲学生摄影展”颁奖仪式。与会贵宾向来自14个国家的获奖学生代表颁发了奖品及证书。

闭幕式上,亚洲教育北京论坛组委会分别与《中国青年报》、中国人民大学、北京吉利大学、北京航空运输培训中心、《商务周刊》杂志社、欧中商务中心等单位就亚洲旅游教育论坛、亚洲学生摄影大赛巡回展、欧盟亚洲教育发展中心、亚洲航空学院等项目进行签约。

6. 分论坛——2006 年年会分论坛有四个:

“科普与创新教育论坛”吸引了来自澳大利亚、以色列、新加坡、马来西亚、中国台湾等国家与地区与内地 160 多位代表参会。与会代表围绕着创新教育和科普教育等话题开展了热烈的研讨和交流,很多机构达成了合作意向。

“亚洲艺术教育论坛”所有发言围绕艺术教育与创新人才培养这一主题展开,实现了理论与实践的对话。并以此为契机,将 2006—2007 年定为亚洲艺术教育论坛——民族音乐年,大力弘扬传承民族音乐,唤起全社会对民族音乐的关心。

“双语教学论坛”受到了教育部国际交流与合作司的高度重视。本次论坛以高中国际教育与双语教学为主题,突出了国际教育交流发展的重要性,同时吸纳一批国内重点高中为国家留学基金管理委员会留学预科学院的合作学校。

“亚洲职业教育发展论坛”吸引了全国百余家职业院校与会。代表们就区域内职业教育的新理论和新方法、行业管理及培训模式、有效提升职业教育质量,进一步缩小地区间职业教育差距等热点议题展开深入讨论。代表们一致认为论坛年会是大家面对面沟通交流并建立合作关系的良好平台。

7. 首届亚洲学生摄影大赛——由亚洲教育北京论坛和《中国青年报》社主办,中国人民大学承办、北京吉利大学协办。大赛以“青春、民族、自然”为主题,口号是“为年轻喝彩,为民族祝福”。旨在弘扬源远流长的亚洲文化,展示亚洲各国各地的风土人情和青年风采,增强亚洲各国大学生艺术与审美的交流。组委会共收到来自中国、韩国、蒙古、日本、越南、尼泊尔、新加坡、马来西亚、孟加拉国、印度、阿联酋等 14 个亚洲国家和地区的大学生作品近 700 幅。

为了进一步扩大本次摄影赛的影响,全部获奖作品还将在全国 50 所高校进行巡回展出。

三、会议成果

2006 年会期间的“教育部长圆桌会议”和“博鳌亚洲教育合作磋商会议”,参会国之多、规格之高,推进了亚洲及太平洋地区各国教育部间高层的多边合作,实现了区域内各国教育高官的多边交流与合作。加之圆桌会议平等、轻松的氛围,使得各国

与会代表能够更加理解“增进相互了解、加强教育交流、实现共同发展”的必要，从而也必然会在许多方面达成共识、为今后的论坛发展提出积极的建议：

1. 达成的共识与愿望

- (1) 加强各国间教育质量的评估与学历学位互认工作；
- (2) ICT 网络建设及奖学金设置，提供教育资源共享机制；
- (3) 扩大跨境教育服务规模，提高跨境教育服务质量；
- (4) 扩大各国学生与教师间的互换与交流。

2. 提出的创新型建议

- (1) 筹备成立“学历、学位互认专家委员会”

在2004、2005两届年会中大家已经就学历、学位互认问题进行了广泛的交流与磋商，表达了加速推进学位学历互认，方便区域内学生、学者交流与就业的愿望。2006年会期间一些国家倡议由论坛筹组建立“学历、学位互认专家委员会”，并对其组建、初步工作方式、创立的内容等提出了积极建议。联合国教科文组织也允诺向论坛提供专家支持。

- (2) 筹备“亚欧教育合作委员会”，“架起亚洲和欧洲的合作桥梁”

亚欧教育合作会议上，尼泊尔教育部长率先建议成立“亚欧教育合作委员会”，其他各国教育部长纷纷响应。会议决议由比利时王国前副首相、欧中商务合作中心主席荷塞·德马赫，欧洲议会海外合作发展委员会主席聂吉·迪瓦，与亚洲教育北京论坛秘书长姚望三人作为召集人，负责委员会的前期筹备组建工作，并于2007年会前完成初步构架。

- (3) 筹建“ICT专家委员会”

该提议由论坛发起者之一——新西兰前总理珍妮·希普利女士倡导，并由其牵头。前期设立专家1名、主席1名。

委员会的成立旨在提高教育教学质量，扩大普及教育范围。同时还可以通过它来培训学生和教师，为社会进行扫盲工作，尤其是可以帮助贫困不发达地区的妇女和儿童来改善社会的性别歧视与不公，使亚洲及太平洋区域内更多的教育资源与教育信息共享，让网络教育能够更及时、有效地为区域内各国教育界提供最便捷、最有效的增值服务。

除上述成果外，“亚洲留学奖学金”也在不断地扩大。2006年有13个国家的22个学生获得了2006—2007年度奖学金。同时又有北京外国语大学等6家单位向论坛捐

赠奖学金，其中论坛发起者、澳门基金会主席吴荣恪先生再次向论坛捐赠5个全额奖学金。

四、未来展望

三年前论坛发起时，谁也不曾预见它的发展速度和影响力。经过三年的努力和各方的支持，目前其影响已不仅仅是亚洲地区，并开始渗透到太平洋地区及欧美等国。亚洲教育北京论坛已经成为各国家高层教育官员、教育专家、学者间，交流、探讨合作与发展的高层平台，越来越多的国家通过论坛架起的“亚洲教育合作桥梁”，纷纷从四面八方步入到论坛中来，使论坛搭建起的平台发挥出了应有的作用。

我们有理由深信：通过本次论坛的举办，将会有更多的有识之士加入到推动论坛建设的序列中。亚洲教育北京论坛也正在用更为开放的视野、更加切实可行的措施，致力于进一步加强和完善亚洲的教育交流与合作，为提升亚洲整体教育水平，进而提高亚洲人口素质，促进亚洲的繁荣与和谐发展做出积极的努力。

Preface

Yao Wang

Under the approval of China's State Council, the Education Forum for Asia-Beijing 2006 Annual Conference (2006 A. C.) was held in Beijing, P. R. China on October 20 – 22, 2006. Co-organized by Boao Forum for Asia, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the China Scholarship Council (CSC) and hosted by the People's Government of Haidian District Beijing China the event was hailed as a remarkable success.

I. Historic Background

The idea for the Education Forum for Asia was hatched in 2002. At that time, Boao Forum for Asia, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) joined with the China Scholarship Council to collaborate on developing a conference focused on “international education and the development of global talent and human resources in the Asia region”. In cooperation with China's Ministry of Education, all three organizations worked to further develop these ideas into the creation of an “education forum”, making Education Forum for Asia a reality.

Education Forum for Asia aims to establish a high-level platform for dialogue on educational development issues and supports effective governmental policies and international cooperation through an innovative program of work. In addition, the forum will continue to explore the issues faced by Asian countries and regions that arise during the development of

societies and individual communities while increasing mutual understanding among peoples through cultural and academic exchanges to the mutual benefit of all Asian nations.

On December 5 - 6, 2003, the Meeting of Initiators for Education Forum for Asia was held in Beijing. The meeting was honored by the attendance of 95 delegates from 19 countries and regions representing governmental bodies, international organizations, multinational companies, and educational institutions. With Mr. Long Yongtu, Secretary-General of Boao Forum for Asia, as chairperson, H. E. Mr. Fidel Ramos, former president of the Philippines, H. E. Mr. Sergey Terechshenko, former Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, H. E. Mr. Lee Soo Sung, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, H. E. Mr. Kirti Nidhi Bista, former Prime Minister of Nepal, H. E. Mrs. Jenny Shipley, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, H. E. Mr. Sheldon Shaeffer, Director of UNESCO Bangkok, Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, and H. E. Mr. Vitor Ng, Chairman of the Macao Foundation, China, created Education Forum for Asia. The newly created forum was enthusiastically praised and supported by all in attendance.

The Education Forum for Asia 2004 Annual Conference was held in Beijing in August 2004. Over 1200 representatives from over 40 countries took part in conference activities. In the wake of its rapid development and in accordance with its mission, the forum will continue to work diligently to achieve its goals by promoting international cooperation as well as cultivating talented individuals within the Asia region.

The Education Forum for Asia 2005 Annual Conference was held in Beijing in October 14 - 16, 2005 with the support and assistance of organizations such as China's Ministry of Education. Over 800 representatives from 26 Asian countries and regions as well as guests from Poland, Germany, Hungary and the United States took part in the event. Education ministers and deputy ministers from 17 countries and regions, 24 Director-General level educational officials were among those that made speeches during the conference. Chinese State Councilor Chen Zhili gave the keynote address at the Opening Ceremony. Consistent with the open, inclusive ethos of the forum, the Haidian First Education Festival organized by the People's Government of Haidian District Beijing China and the China International

Vocational Education Development Forum hosted by the Development and Research Center of China's Ministry of Education were running side by side the 2006 A. C. The three events proved hugely successful and realized the aim of a mutually beneficial happening.

II. Overview

Approximately 800 distinguished guests from 41 countries took part in this year's annual conference. Among them, former and current political leaders including H. E. Mr. Fidel Ramos, former President of the Philippines, H. E. Ms. Jenny Shipley, former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Mr. José Desmarets, President of Euro-China Centre for Business Cooperation, Former Vice-Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium. Meanwhile, Mr. Sheldon Shaeffer, director of Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education of UNESCO Bangkok, Mr. Vitor Ng, Chairman of Macao Foundation, Mr. Yasuyuki Aoshima, director and representative of UNESCO Beijing, Nirj Deva, Chairman of Committee on Overseas Cooperation and Development of European Parliament and Ms. Helen Tavola, Social Policy Advisor of Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat also took part in the conference. Also 28 countries' Minister-level officials, 38 countries' Director General level officials in charge of education as well as representatives from Beijing's foreign embassies, presidents of overseas universities, education experts, relevant officials from China Scholarship Council and Chinese Education Ministry officials participated in the Annual Conference.

The 2006 Annual Conference lasted 2 days, its main forums were: The Roundtable Meeting for Education Ministers, Boao Consultative Meeting on Education Cooperation for Asia, The China-Pacific Islands Developing Countries Roundtable Meeting of Education Ministers and Asia-Euro Educational Cooperation Roundtable Meeting. Concurrently there were four sub-forums held: Asia Art Education Forum, Asia Vocational Education Development Forum, Innovation in Education Forum, and the Bilingual Education in High Schools Forum.

Other important events also held this year were: The first Asian Student's Photography Contest, The Second Haidian Education Festival, a Special Performance for the founding of a Chinese Students Art Association and a Visit to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games Con-

struction Sites.

There were nearly 100 journalists from more than 70 media groups involved in the reporting of the 2006 Education Forum for Asia Annual Conference during which 20 education ministers gave exclusive interviews.

III. Brief Introduction of the Conference

1. Opening Ceremony. The opening ceremony for the 2006 annual conference was held at the Diao Yutai State Guest House on the afternoon of Oct. 20th, hosted by Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, deputy minister of education, China. H. E. Mr. Fidel Ramos, former president of the Philippines, Mr. Long Yongtu, Secretary- General of Boao Forum for Asia, Mr. Sheldon Shaeffer, director of Asia and Pacific regional bureau for education of UNESCO Bangkok and Mr. Peng Xingye, deputy director of the communism committee of people's government of Haidian District all gave speeches for the great occasion. Chinese State Councilor Madam Chen Zhili presented prizes to 6 new scholarship donating bodies and 22 individual scholarship winners from 13 different countries. A student representative from Kazakhstan also made a speech during the opening ceremony.

Madam Chen Zhili met with some of the guests prior to the opening ceremony and conveyed her appreciation and support to the Education Forum for Asia (EFA).

2. The Roundtable Meeting for Education Ministers took place on Oct. 21 and lasted the whole day. The meeting was presided over by H. E. Ms Jenny Shipley and Mr. Sheldon Shaeffer. 28 education ministers and deputy ministers addressed the audience in the morning session, where speeches were given on differing educational development strategies of individual nations. During the second half, ministers further discussed questions of their common interest and shared with one another their educational achievements and experience. The meeting proceeded with a warm and cordial atmosphere and many constructive suggestions were brought forward.

After the meeting, Chinese education minister Dr. Zhou Ji met with all education ministers and hosted a banquet for them.

3. Boao Consultative Meeting on Education Cooperation for Asia was co-hosted by

Mr. Cao Guoxing, Director-General of the department of international exchange and cooperation of the Chinese Education Ministry, and Dr. Carlito S. Puno, chairman of Philippine higher education committee, on the morning of Oct. 20th. 38 countries' Director General level officials responsible for international education within Asia, and representatives from foreign embassies in Beijing took part in the meeting and consulted on international exchanges among students and scholars, diploma recognitions, teaching quality supervision, Information Communication Technology (ICT) network construction and scholarship management within Asia. Attendees also expressed their willingness to enhance their cooperation in education.

4. The China-Euro Education Cooperation Roundtable Meeting took place at noon on the Oct. 21. It was hosted by Mr. José Desmarets, President of Euro-China Centre for Business Cooperation, and Former Vice-Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium. Education ministers from 13 countries and areas including the Philippines, D. P. R. K, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and others. Representatives from European country's embassies in China such as Germany and Poland also attended the meeting where Mr. Nirj Deva, Chairman of Committee on Overseas Cooperation and Development of European Parliament made the keynote speech. Participants probed into several questions relating to educational cooperation between the two continents and agreed to broaden their cooperation.

5. The Closing Ceremony for Education Forum for Asia 2006 Annual Conference was hosted by Mr. Yao Wang, secretary-general of Education Forum for Asia at noon on Oct. 22 at Beijing Nirvana Resort. Mr. Yasuyuki Aoshima, director and representative of UNESCO Beijing made a speech for the event. The Closing Ceremony also featured the award ceremony for the First Asian Students Photography Contest and Exhibition, VIP attendees from 14 countries presented prizes and certificates of merit for prize winners of the contest.

In addition, the Organizing Committee of Education Forum for Asia signed contracts with China Youth Daily, RENMIN University of China, Beijing Geely University, Beijing Aviation and Transportation Training Center, Business Watch Magazine and Euro-China

Business on projects such as Asia Tourism Development Forum, Asia Student Photography Traveling Exhibition, EU Asia Education Development Center and Asia Aviation Institution.

6. Sub-forums

(1) The Art Education Forum this year was a perfect combination of theory and practice, the organizer declared that the 2006 – 2007 Asia Art Education Forum will focus on Folk Music, thereby perpetuating and cultivating the spirit of folk music as well as arousing people's concern for folk music.

(2) Some 160 representatives from Australia, Israel, Singapore, Malaysia, China's Taiwan SAR and others took part in the Innovation Forum and discussed popular science and innovative education.

(3) Nearly a hundred Chinese vocational institutions were attracted to the Asia Vocational Education Development Forum this year, representatives and experts carried on a thorough discussion that related to vocational education within Asia, such as: how to improve the teaching quality of vocational education by utilizing the latest teaching theories, management measures and training mechanisms; and how to narrow the gap in teaching quality between developed and underdeveloped regions. All attendees reached an agreement that the annual conference is a favorable platform for establishing cooperative relationships and useful communication.

(4) Viewed with high significance and value by the department of international exchange and cooperation of the Chinese Education Ministry, the Bilingual Education Forum this year mainly focused on ideas that would promote and enhance bilingual education in high schools. The forum was successful in helping the China Scholarship Council award key Chinese high schools a qualification which would allow them to recruit overseas students under the preparatory schools program.

7. The First Asian University Students Photography Exhibition-This exhibition was co-hosted by Education Forum for Asia and China Youth Daily, organized by China Renmin University and assisted by Beijing Jili University. It is centered on "Youth, Nation and Na-

ture” and focused on “Cheer for youth, wishes for nation”. The purpose of the exhibition is to further promote long-standing Asian culture, nurture the customs and qualities of the youth in every Asian nation and promote the exchange of arts and aesthetics of Asian university students. The organizing committee has received nearly 700 pieces of work by university students from 14 Asian countries and regions including mainland of China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, South Korea, Mongolia, Japan, Viet Nam, Nepal, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangladesh, India and the United Arab Emirates.

The price-winning works will go on tour to more than 50 universities around the country to enlarge the influence of the exhibition.

IV. Fruitful Sessions

1. Sessions that have promoted the multilateral cooperation between leaders of Education Departments in the Asia-Pacific region:

The Round Table of Ministers and the Boao Consultative and Cooperative Meeting during this annual conference realized multilateral communication and cooperation between high-level educational officials in the region. In addition, the atmosphere of equality and cordiality at the round table helped the representatives of the conference understand better the necessity for “increasing understanding, enhancing exchange and realizing common development”, allowing them to reach consensus from many differing perspectives and propose many constructive suggestions for the further development of this forum.

- The consensus and ambitions reached:

(1) More attention should be given to the evaluation of educational quality and degree acceptability between countries.

(2) It is necessary to build an Information Communication Technologies (ICT) network including setting up a scholarship and educational resource sharing system.

(3) The scale and the quality of cross-board educational services should be enlarged and improved.

(4) There should be an increase in student and teacher exchanges between countries.

- Innovative suggestions

(1) We should arrange to set up the Asia Degree Recognition Committee.

During the 2004 and 2005 annual conference, broad ideas were exchanged on the issue of degree recognition. Willingness to accelerate degree acceptability and facilitate exchanges and employment of students and scholars in the region was also expressed. In this annual conference, some countries proposed that the organizing committee should set up an expert committee on degree recognition. They also gave constructive suggestions on its establishment, primary work and contents. UNESCO has also promised to send experts on the issue to support our forum.

(2) We will arrange the establishment of an Asia-Euro Education Cooperation Committee to build a bridge for Asia and Europe to cooperate further in Education.

At the Asia-Euro Education Cooperation Meeting, the Education Minister of Nepal first suggested to set up an Asia-Europe Education Cooperation Committee, which aroused a strong response among other Ministers of Education. The meeting concluded that Mr. José DESMARETS, President of the Euro-China Centre for Business Cooperation, Former Vice-Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr. Nirj DEVA, Chairman of Committee on Overseas Cooperation and Development of European Parliament and Yao Wang, Secretary General of Education Forum for Asia-Beijing will be the coordinators taking primary responsibility for the preparatory work of this committee and frame it before the 2007 annual conference.

(3) We will prepare to construct an ICT Expert Committee.

The project has been green lighted and will be led by one of the initiators, Mrs. Jenny Shipley, Former Premier of New Zealand. There will be one expert and one chairman at the primary stage.

The committee is aimed at enhancing the quality and prevalence of education in the region. By training more students and teachers, the committee will help to reduce illiteracy, remove sex discrimination and injustice in less developed areas, share education resources and information making it easily accessible within the Asia-Pacific region as well as making Internet education a more convenient and efficient value added service.