

ALL-CHINA YOUTH FEDERATION

■ General Overview

Founded in May 4th 1949, the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) is the national umbrella organization for the major Chinese youth groups in China, reaching nearly 300 million young people across China through its member organizations in all provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and key industries.

■ Organizational Setup

The secretariat, under the ACYF, is in charge of the daily work. The secretariat has 10 departments:

- Coordination Department
- Department of Ethnic & Religious Affairs and Social Organizations
- Cultural and Sports Activities Department
- Department of Science & Technology and Overseas Chinese Scholars Service
- Training Department
- Department of Hongkong and Macao Affairs
- Department of Taiwan Affairs
- International Department
- Tourism Department
- Social Welfare Department

■ Major Roles

The bridge and bond connecting young people
The coordinating agency for governmental youth affairs and implementor of youth policies
A training cradle for future young leaders

■ Decision-Making Body

The highest decision-making body of the ACYF is the National Committee, which works for a term of five years. The 11th National Committee has one president and 17 vice-presidents. When it is not in session, a Standing Committee presides over ACYF's work. The Standing Committee has 227 members, a secretary-general and several deputy secretary-generals.



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◀ On January 23, a delegation of International Union of Socialist Youth, headed by Vice President Samuel Muyizzi, visited Tianjin Municipal Youth Federation.

In February, Chinese Youth Delegation attended the ▶
52th session of Commission for Social Development in New York.

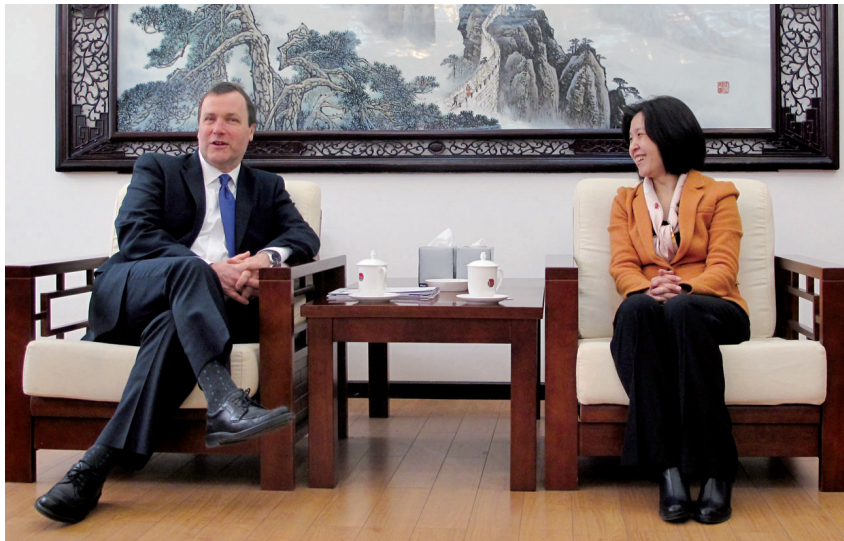
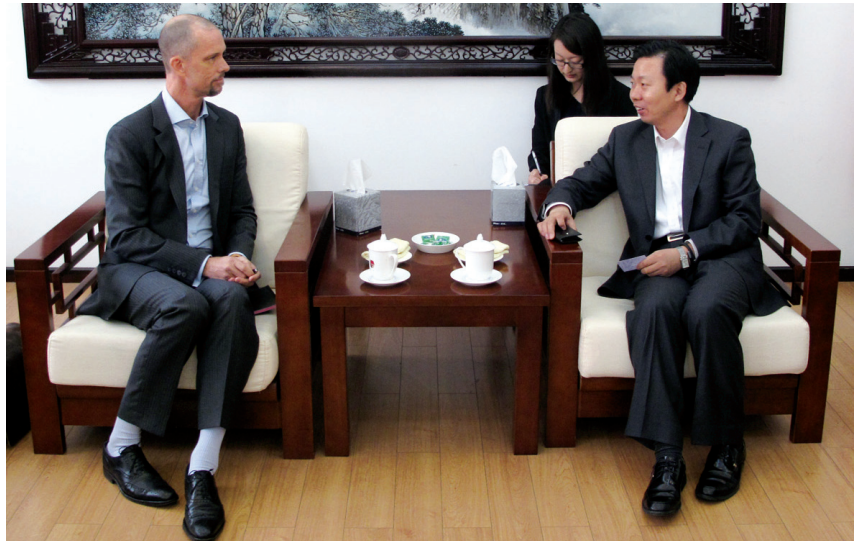


◀ On March 10 to 14, Chinese Youth Delegation visited Republic of Korea at the invitation of JC Korea.

On March 31, the Chinese Youth Delegation visited ▶
Vietnam and held a forum with local youth.



On March 24, Mr. Wan Xuejun, ▶ Assistant President of All-China Youth Federation met with Andersen, Chief of the Social Integration Section of Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia & the Pacific.



◀ On February 28, Ms. Dong Xia, Deputy Secretary-general of All-China Youth Federation met with Dennis, President of Found of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

On April 4, Mr. Jia Bo, Deputy ▶ Secretary-general of All-China Youth Federation attended the promotion event of World Assembly of Youth at Embassy of Republic of Sri Lanka in Beijing.



Coverage on the Youth Day

On May 4, Xi Jinping, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, the President of the People's Republic of China, and the Chairman of the Central Military Commission, visited Peking University and watched the poem reciting commemorating the 95th anniversary of the May 4th Movement (an very important youth movement against imperialist & feudal in 1919).



ACYF Open Day was on April 29. To celebrate the Youth Day (May 4th), 53 youth representatives, composed of migrant workers, rural youth, university students and youth working in enterprises, visited headquarter of All-China Youth Federation and learned about the development course and responsibilities of ACYF.

In celebration of the Youth Day (May 4), young cadres of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China visited the Hong Lou of Peking University, where is the start of the May 4th Movement (an very important youth movement against imperialist & feudal in 1919).



ACYF organized coordination meeting with members of NPC& CPPCC



On May 14, All-China Youth Federation organized a coordination meeting regarding juvenile protection with NPC and CPPCC members who brought up the proposals. They went through the proposals and worked out the responses to the proposals.

100,000 Youth Participated in Concerted Action on Environmental Protection

On April 22 (World Earth Day), All-China Youth Federation launched the Youth Action of Afforestation Drive and Haze Controlling simultaneously in Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi and Inner Mongolia. On the first day of concerted action, over 100,000 youth and children from 91 cities and counties of the above provinces and municipalities participated in the event. On the spot of Beijing, the officer from Mother River Protection Operation signed Agreement of Concerted Action with 12 provincial committees of the communist youth league and they released the Promise of Afforestation Drive and Haze Controlling together. A total sum of 18.5 million RMB yuan has been donated to the Action.



Xinjiang Uygur university-student volunteers help left-behind school kids



In Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, 11 university-student volunteers were designated by local youth organizations to be partnership relations with 22 left-behind school kids, offering assistance to them both in studies and daily life.

Important Events

- Qin Yizhi, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China met with Sumi Shuzo, President of Tokyo Marine.
- He Junke, President of All-China Youth Federation, attended the National Day reception of the 65th Republic Day of India.
- Luo Mei, Vice President of All-China Youth Federation serving as the head of a Chinese youth delegation visited Vietnam.
- Zhou Changkui, Vice President of All-China Youth Federation, attended the opening ceremony of the China-Russia Youth Year of Friendship Exchanges in St. Petersburg, Russia.



A start-up Business of a University Student

After his graduation from the college in 2008, Ma Song happened to know the national policy which allowing the circulation of rural land contracted management right to enhance the development of large-scale operation of agriculture. Born in a peasant family and with a special affection with farmland and agriculture, Ma Song was obsessed with the idea of leasing land from farmers to develop industrial operation of agriculture. The idea was strongly opposed by his family, because farming was not a decent job in their eyes. However, Ma Song spent all his savings on the rent of a total of 580 mu farmland, which marked his start-up of business. Since then, Ma Song succeeded in developing specialized large-scale operation of agriculture and funded the first specialized farmer cooperative in his county which integrated the planting, purchasing and selling of a series of money crops such as jerusalem artichoke and chili pepper.

At the start of his business, he went to Gansu, Ningxia and the surrounding areas of his county to make field investigation and he found that some

local corps such as jerusalem artichoke and chili pepper were with the features of strong vitality, low economic risk, high profit and large market demand. Based on the mode of plant to order, Ma Song signed sales contracts with a number of agricultural produce processing companies. Owing to his painstaking efforts and the supports from the government and related institutions, Ma Song's company achieved good social and economic benefits after three years' development.

To broaden his vision and improve the ability of entrepreneurship, Ma Song strove to equip himself with the latest ideas and upgrade his business by taking part in the national platform of business counseling and promotion, Youth Business China (YBC). He also participated in a series of entrepreneurship training courses, such as the youth entrepreneurship training courses of Tsinghua University, cooperatives running courses of Qingdao Agricultural University, course for agricultural businessmen held by Huazhong Agricultural University of Wuhan and related training workshops held by some pro-

vincial government departments. In 2010, Ma Song was selected as the one of the representatives of university-graduate entrepreneurs of Qinghai Province to take part in the Youth Business China (YBC) program. In October 2011, Ma Song was selected as the one of the outstanding college-graduate entrepreneurs to attend the World Economic Forum held in Dalian, Liaoning Province and had been awarded the membership of the Chinese community of the Davos world forum.

“Instead of money and technology, the most important for entrepreneurship are ideas, determination, perseverance and the gratitude to the society” Ma Song often said. Being market oriented and offering comprehensive service to farmers involving planting, purchasing and sales, Ma Song's Changyuan corporation specialized for helping famers expanded their scale of business and extended the business scope from solely planting to agricultural produce processing, in turn increasing their income and promoting the career development of increasing farmers.

My China Dream-China's diplomacy

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Editor's note: The following is one of the prize-winning essays of "My China Dream," an English essay competition jointly organized by the International Department of the All-China Youth Federation and China.org.cn (Nov. 1 – Dec. 20, 2013).

More than a hundred years ago, a flock of wild geese flew over two little boys' head when they were looking into the sky. The elder boy blinked and said admiringly, "How wonderful would it be if I could fly like a bird?" Their father, a poor shepherd, kept silent for a while, and then said to his boys, "As long as you believe, you can also fly."

The two little boys did as their father said, but still couldn't fly no matter how hard they tried. So they looked at their father with suspicion. The shepherd just smiled and said, "Let me show you how to fly." With his arms open, he ran for a short distance and then leaped forward with a rush. The result was clear to all that he was definitely unable to fly. But the shepherd said with certainty, "I am just too old to fly, but you are still young, as long as you don't give up and keep trying, you will surely be able to fly and go wherever you want to go."

The two brothers bore their father's words in mind and many years later, in the third year of the twentieth century, they fi-

nally made a historic progress. Since then, roaming in the sky is no longer an untouchable dream for human beings. The two brothers are the Wright brothers who are famous for their invention of airplanes.

"Dream" is one of the most beautiful words in the world. Hope, struggle, miracle and success are all her derivatives. Whether in the past or today, she is a driving force for humans to conquer all obstacles and step into a broader field. She granted wings of iron and steel to the human beings who can never fly and she empowered oppressed people to fight against their fate. She was the little mouse running away in front of Walt Disney in the shabby warehouse on that cold winter night. She was the poor dim candle light on the desk of Sima Qian when he was in prison.

Yes, almost every great mind has a dream deep down in his heart. Always pushing him forward, accompanying him to sleep and waking him up in the morning. As a college student in the new century, I also cherish a beautiful China dream.

I wish my motherland could possess mighty diplomatic strength. When I was in primary school, I heard people saying, "Weak states have no diplomacy." At that time I didn't



know what they meant, and of course I also didn't understand the significance that it meant to all Chinese people. But one thing I knew was that strengthening our country was the collective dream of all Chinese. Our elder generations struggled, early to rise and late to retire, forgetting themselves to transform our dreams into reality. Today, China's national strength has been steadily improving. Great changes have taken place in our homeland. So far, our remarkable achievements have shocked the entire world. In 2011, we have officially surpassed Japan to become the world's second largest economy, and exactly in that year, I decided to choose the most direct way to realize my own dream----majoring in International Politics. When I stepped into the Beijing International Studies University, I had a

whole new understanding of my former cognition. It was my college teachers who told me that the weak states not only have diplomatic demand, but powerful diplomacy means even more to them than to the more powerful countries.

With China's continuous development and the advancement of globalization, we have joined into the world's activities step by step. How to win a position for ourselves, and stand as an independent power among the nations in the world, is a crucial question for all people of noble aspirations to think about deeply.

Through constant study, I have learned about the development history of the diplomacy and the Chinese long-held foreign policies. I have also learned about the extraordinary achievements that we have made in the past several decades. The history of the People's Republic of China is full of such examples. The "Rounding France Diplomacy" in 2009 is an outstanding example. Since April 2008, Sino-France relations have gone from a tense stage of crisis to a more eased situation. In the process of the Beijing Olympic Games torch relay in Paris, the Tibet independence activists tried to grab the torch. This accident once strained bilateral relations of China and France. In December of the same year, Mr. Sarkozy met with Dalai Lama despite the strong opposition from China, further straining the relations between the two countries. In January 2009, Prime Minister Wen Jia Bao, paid a visit to European countries and deliberately avoided visiting France during the trip.

What's more, in a lofty tone, he also announced this circumvent in public to show our dissatisfaction. During the visit, Premier Wen signed 38 agreements, worth US \$15 billion with Switzerland, Germany, Spain and Britain, involving economy and trade, education, culture and many other fields. As a result, French media estimated that France may have a total loss of euro 35 billion. Finally, oppositions from domestic interest parties forced the President to lower his arrogant head to make a compromise.

As another illustration, our ways to treat the Philippines fully showed the tolerance of a great power. Recently, the Philippines were attacked by a powerful typhoon. President Xi Jin Ping immediately conveyed our sympathies to the Philippine people, although the Philippine President was still unwilling to apologize to the families affected by the terrorist attack in Hong Kong. Confronting major disasters and humanitarian crisis, China still showed the basic human care. As time goes by, I have had the pleasure to witness Chinese diplomacy as it has developed from struggling, to easily coping with various situations. The Chinese leadership has changed from uncompromisingly asking for other countries' diplomatic respect, to possessing the big tolerance of a great power. This is a reflection of China's growing national strength and the symbol of the establishment of a great self-confidence.

Although we have made tremendous progresses, China's current situation is still besieged on all sides. There are a number of urgent issues lying ahead for

us to tackle at home. Meanwhile, unfriendly countries which have territorial disputes with us are anxiously waiting for their opportunities. Western powers are keeping a closer eye on the Eastern rooster who is ready to rise. Our country still needs a great deal of young diplomats who are ready to introduce China's theory of Harmonious Society and strategy of peaceful development to people all over the world, and send the world a message that Chinese people are eager for peace and stability.

"we study for China's revival!" Prime Minister Zhou En Lai's resounding words, still ringing in our ears, have announced the dream that he would struggle for all through his life. It has inspired the Chinese people to devote all of their intelligence and enthusiasm to our motherland from generation to generation.

I believe one day my China dream will ultimately come true, even if there is still a long way to go, maybe full of hardships and difficulties. I firmly believe that there are bright prospects lying ahead, waiting for us to harvest the fruits of victory, just like Edison tried 1600 kinds of metal, finally finding the tungsten wire in his 1601st attempt, just like the Wright brothers finally rushed into the sky after countless encounters with failure.

Dear friends, time and tide wait for no man. Let's make joint efforts, hand in hand in order to create a better future.

Youth voice: endorsing the core socialist values



On April 10, 2014, All-China Youth Federation launched the event of “endorsing the socialist core values”. Since then, youth from all over the country vied in becoming the “best spokesman” of the values by endorsing and promoting the values.

Core socialist values include national goals of prosperity, democracy, civility, and harmony; social goals of freedom, equality, justice and the rule of law; and individual values of patriotism, dedication, integrity, and friendship.

National Goals



I am Wang Ling, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Prosperity means youth should prosper in terms of wealth, knowledge and spirit.



I am Zhai Shumeng, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Democracy means we are the decision-maker of our times.



I am Wang Luyun, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Civility means the tradition of our country, and it depends on our daily behavior.

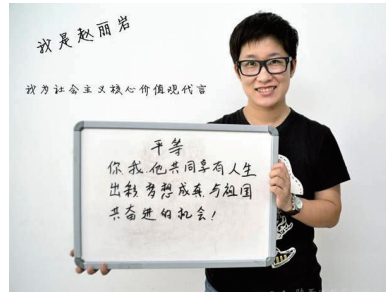


I am Yu Leilei, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Harmony means our common pursuit.

Social Goals



I am Wu Nan, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Freedom can mean everything, even more than live & love.



I am Zhao Liyan, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Equality means All people are of the same opportunities to have a wonderful life & contribute their country.



I am Fan Xiang, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, the justice of the society depends on the contribution of each and every people.



I am Li Nianfei, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Rule of law means harmonious society and peaceful world.

Individual Values



I am Yi Zhengyang, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Patriotism means those who love the country will be loved & remembered by the country and their people.



I am Cao Liangyu, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Dedication means being perseverant and enjoy contributing.



I am Xu Yongchao, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Integrity is an indispensable merit for every individual.



I am Zhang Hao, and am endorsing the core socialist values. To my understanding, Friendship means a kind smile and a warm greeting, and these can change the world.

Dragon Boat Festival

China's Dragon Boat Festival, or Duanwu, also called Double Fifth Festival, is celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the lunar calendar, which falls on June 2 this year.

It is one of the oldest festivals, not only in China but also throughout the world, with a history of more than 2,000 years.



Poet Qu Yuan win a painting

The Legend

The Dragon Boat Festival commemorates the death of Qu Yuan, a patriot poet during the Warring States Period (475-221 BC), who committed suicide by flinging himself into the Miluo River in Hunan province after his mother kingdom fell into enemy rule.

Legend holds that people in boats raced to the site where he drowned and threw in zongzi (glutinous rice wrapped in reed leaves) so fish wouldn't feed on Qu's body.

Since then, the fifth day of the fifth month on the lunar calendar is celebrated as the Dragon Boat Festival. People hold boat races and prepare zongzi in memory of Qu's righteousness and his beautiful poems.

Eating zongzi

Most Chinese festivals are tied to a particular food, and Dragon Boat Festival is no exception.

A very popular dish during Dragon Boat Festival is zongzi. This tasty dish consists of rice dumplings with meat, peanuts, egg yolks or other fillings wrapped in bamboo leaves. The tradition of zongzi is meant to remind us of village fishermen scattering rice across the water of the Mi Luo River in order to appease the river dragons so that they would not devour Qu Yuan.



Zongzi is a popular dish during Dragon Boat Festival

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