

**China-2010: Leisure and Social Progress annual conference**

in Xuzhou Normal University

China 2010, Leisure and Social Progress annual conference was held in Xuzhou Normal University during 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> of October, sponsor by Professional Organisation on the Leisure Philosophy in China. The topic of this conference is Theory and Practice of Leisure Studies. The theoretical parts are including: the establishment of theory system of Leisure studies, basic theory of Leisure studies, Leisure idea in traditional culture; the practical parts includes: the relationship between leisure and tourism, relationship between leisure and sports, free time and urban construction. There are about 40 scholars from all over the countries and Xuzhou Normal University attended the conference, with 30 papers submitted. Heads of XuZhou government and university as well as Xuzhou Philosophy Association also attended the conference and gave their speeches.

Prof. Ning Zequn of the vice secretary –general of Professional Organization on the Leisure Philosophy in China gave annual working report for year 2009-2010. It consists the achievements in terms of scientific research, channel platform construction, team construction and international communications, planning for 2011.

The characterizes of this conference are:

- Firstly, there is a team of persistent scholars who has achieved highly in the leisure area also some new-comers that has brought fresh energy and ideas to this area of studies of the conference.
- Secondly, the topics of the papers are dimensional, with highly regarded theoretical research background. The overall quality of the papers has improved, although the number of submission has reduced.
- The academic discussions were held under warm atmosphere, although there were some sharp discussions.
- Papers related to theory practice of Leisure studies, has selected areas that closely interrelated to the national economy and the people's livelihood, and has given unique vision to the topic.
- There are more scholars with philosophy background has attended the conference, and gave their reflection and criticism to the current situation of leisure and human value.
- From this conference, we have seen that, to participate in leisure research is not only explore further than one's profession but also nourish one's nature. Indeed, academic research is not eager for quick success and instant benefit, and should not become the

The selection of papers for this conference is very broad.

The theoretical parts consists: Leisure Research Methods; From Philosophy theory of Heidegger to Chinese philosophy; Leisure Ethics; The Leisure philosophy of Marx and its modern implications; Research in leisure and its related topic; the value of women's leisure trend; Humanism and Geography, Leisure and Nature Education; Philosophy wisdom and Chinese leisure behavior; the View of Happiness and its relation to both Material and Moral gain; Hypothesis of Human nature and Leisure Society Mode; Leisure Education Analysis; Alienation of leisure and its aftermath; the Safety of Leisure Activities.

The practical parts of the articles consists: Balance of Research on the Recreation Space, Urban Leisure Culture in Cold Region and Leisure Space Planning; Family Car and Citizen Leisure Life; Analysis on Leisure Behavior Restriction of the Elderly; Leisure Education and the Building of Harmonious Personality; Construction of Cultural Sight in the Best Place for Living; Analysis on Consumption Differences of Urban Citizen; Leisure and Tourism- World Perspective and So On.

Distinguished Researcher Prof. Ma huidi has submitted the outline of academic paper ' Leisure Research Method', it consists topics such as : the must-have factor of Leisure as an individual subject; how to approach Leisure Studies; the research methods of Leisure studies, how to evaluate the research status of modern leisure studies. It has generate great interests among all attendees.

The conference also discussed the construction of the special committee, and the topic for next annual conference and its location and so on.

**(By Ma Huidi)**