MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Education develops human potential. As the proverb goes, the purpose of education is to prepare young people for lifelong study. For centuries, education has been a key focus for countries all around the world, and also rightfully taken as a basic human right. The right to education has been widely recognized in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and in a number of international human rights agreements.

Education is a key indicator for sustainable development. The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development puts forward the concept of inclusive and equitable quality education. However, lack of funding is one of the biggest obstacles facing global education, and also the main challenge towards developing nations that are trying to enhance education development, and probably the area requires most external financial assistance. According to the newly published Education for All Global Monitoring Report by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), international aid funds for education fell for six consecutive years, and the countries most in need were unable to obtain the relevant funds. As a result, it is even more challenging to achieve the education targets as defined by the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

South South Education Foundation advocates the Goals of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We firmly believe that education is fundamental for a society that encourages creativity, cares for each other and develops sustainably. The Foundation dedicates itself to providing a transparent, trustworthy and effective platform for donation from the private sector, other contributors and elites, in order to help the individuals and communities in the developing countries that require assistance and strive to see that each and every child has fair access to good education.

South South Education Foundation collaborates with national governments, United Nations system, private sector, and civil society as well as academia to understand the educational needs in the Global South countries, with emphasis on infrastructure of the schools, teaching quality, e-file exchange, talents training, and information and communication technology (ICT). Through education projects, innovative programs, and new opportunities, we could help mitigate the challenges and concerns of these nations and facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

"The success of governance lies in talent, the development of talent lies in education, and the provision of education lies in schooling." South South Education Foundation firmly believes that "education makes the world different, and communication advances education." We will cooperate with the Global South nations in a wide range of fields, help improve the education in these countries, and support better communication to achieve the noble goal of education for all.

We trust that, knowledge lightens dreams, and education transforms lives.

Mr. CAI E- Sheng
Chairman, South South Education Foundation

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ABOUT US
WHO WE ARE

Founded in April, 2015, South South Education Foundation (SSEF) is a non-religious, non-political and non-profit charity foundation approved by the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong, SAR of China. For a list of approved charity foundations, please see http://www.ird.gov.hk/english/ach_index.htm for further information.

SSEF is committed to promoting educational cooperation and exchanges, through talent training, technical training, equipment donations, research and other education projects, improving the knowledge and technological capacity in developing countries, conducting extensive education projects for poverty alleviation, facilitating the “Belt and Road” Initiative and in particular people-to-people bond, enhancing mutual understanding and respect between China and South-South countries, and making efforts toward the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION
South-South cooperation is a broad framework of collaboration among countries of the South in the political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and technical domains. Involving both developed countries, it can take place on a bilateral, regional, interregional or interregional basis. Developing countries share knowledge, skills, expertise and resources to meet their development goals through concerted efforts. Recent developments in South-South cooperation have taken the form of increased volume of South-South trade, South-South lines of foreign direct investment, movements towards regional integration, technology transfers, sharing of services and expertise, and other forms of exchanges.

Triangular cooperation in collaboration with traditional donor countries and multilateral organisations facilitate South-South initiatives through the provision of funding, training, management and technological systems as well as other forms of support.

OUR PHILOSOPHY
Education makes the world different, and communication advances education

INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION
In 2015, all 193 Member States of United Nations (UN), adopted a plan for enhancing a better future for all, laying out an ambitious set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to deal with development problems in terms of eradicating poverty, realizing equality, and combating climate change, as the UN Sustainable Development Summit during the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly. The Goal 4 highlights that “Quality education and equal education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all” is key to achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals among Health, Peace, Prosperity, Education, and others, exemplifies its importance to human society. Meanwhile, “South-South Cooperation” and “Belt and Road” Initiative are both important cooperation frameworks promoting the United Nations “Sustainable Development Goals”.

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OUR REACH

Europe
- Armenia
- Austria
- Belarus
- Georgia
- Hungary
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Poland
- Serbia
- Spain
- Ukraine

Africa
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Republic of Congo

Asia
- Bangladesh
- China
- Cambodia
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Turkmenistan
- Tajikistan

Latin America
- Brazil
- Bahamas
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala
- Venezuela
“Education Fights Poverty”

Through primary education in forms of donation for school construction, top school cooperation, teachers’ training and equipment donation etc., SSEF aims on targeted poverty alleviation. The foundation pays extra attention to the education for the vulnerable groups, the disabled and left-behind children, to improve the quality of human resources in China and other developing countries, increase employment, alleviate targeted poverty, accomplish the final stage to overcome poverty, and promote balanced and sustainable development.

- Improving the software and hardware of education
  - “One Laptop, One Dream”
  - “Learning Chinese with Fun”

- Education for the left-behind children and underprivileged students
  - “South-South Babie Primary School”
  - “Voluntary Teachers to Guangxi”
  - Support to “Breadline Africa”
On 13 September 2015, through University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, 50 computers donated to top and under-privileged students from 8 universities in Sri Lanka.

Through computer donation in Global South countries, “One Laptop, One Dream” project helps utilize the Internet and modern communication technology to fulfill dreams and bridge digital gaps. Until now, we have completed this project in over 15 countries including Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Hungary, Nepal, Rwanda, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Myanmar, and Sudan, which is very welcomed for the schools in worldwide.

In many countries, a computer is a dream for thousands of underprivileged students. With computers in their hands, they could dream of something that they never dared before. The computer is a hope, a dream and ignites the passion for learning. Seeing the students with big smile and joy from their heart, we felt deeply the meaning and the positive impact this project could bring to the students’ studies and future.
TRANSFORMS LIVES

EDUCATION

In November 2011, the Defence One-on-One Project was launched.

In May 2011, women seized the initiative in the Department of

Education

In September 2011, the Defence One-on-One Project was launched.
"South-South Babie Primary School"

Build School and Make Changes for the Left-behind Children

Striking off poverty has become the bottom line task and an iconic indicator of building a moderately prosperous society in China. Targeted poverty alleviation has become the consensus of the whole society, which offers new choices to those countries and nations that hope to accelerate development and maintain independence, and contributes to human society with China wisdom and solutions. President Xi Jinping commented on the work over the past five years, and said that poverty alleviation had achieved decisive progress. More than 60 million poor people were steadily taken out of poverty, and the poverty rate fell from 10.2% to less than 4%. The innovative targeted poverty alleviation policy proposed by China has made great contribution to anti-poverty struggle of the mankind, by lifting over 13 million people out of poverty each year, the policy also won high praise of the international community.

Established in 1937, the Babie Primary School is located in the southern mountainous region, 66 kilometers away from Tianyang County, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. There are 870 pupils from 13 villages of Babie Township in the school, among them 363 are left-behind children raised by their grandparents. In 2017, SSEF visited those schools for left-behind children, and chose the Babie Primary School as SSEF’s first poverty-alleviation project in China. With RMB 3.96 million input, SSEF is assisting the local education authority in rebuiding the unsafe teaching building, while the local authority will fund the rebuilding of the playground in the school, in hope of a better environment for students to study and grow up.

"Trees are growing in prosperity and springs are gushing without stopping". With the the Babie Primary School as a pilot project, SSEF hopes to ensure pleasant environment for the students, bring warmth to the students, and encourage students for a brighter future.

"Learning Chinese with Fun"

Learning Chinese for Cultural Understanding

"Learning Chinese with Fun" is a series of instructional videos prepared by the Foundation in order to share Chinese culture and civilization. It makes learning Chinese characters easier. By illustrating how the characters were created - the written form of photography, the course aims to help those who wish to better understand Chinese culture to "trace the origins of Chinese characters, and gain a sense of Chinese civilization". Nowadays, with the enthusiasm for learning Chinese, an easier and fun way to learn Chinese characters will help better understand Chinese culture, and further people-to-people communication.
Support to "Breadline Africa"
Let Love Spread

In February 2017, SSEF donated HKD 50,000 to British Literature School for their students’ hands-on activities through which students wrapped colorful iPhone earphone lines by hand to raise money for "Breadline Africa" project. The "Breadline Africa" is a non-profit organization, incorporated in Cape Town, South Africa in 1998, mainly for infrastructure construction, and the project provides education support for children at 1-6 years old, benefiting the early education of children in poverty-stricken areas. Any kind efforts could help illuminate the world. We hope, with our efforts, we could do a bit for the left-behind children, enlighten children’s enthusiasm for public welfare. Let the innovative and dynamic care spread over distance and hand on to generations.

"Voluntary Teachers to Guangxi"
A Mentor for the Left-Behind Children

SSEF believes that it is meaningful to improve the environment in the school for left-behind children, at the same time, other efforts such as psychological counseling and teacher training are as important. With "Teach For China" Project, SSEF supports 50 voluntary teachers (for 2 years) with RMB 5.45 million, in hope of assisting the shortage of teachers in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. In the future, SSEF plans to continuously support the teachers in training and other resources. We hope, through these efforts, every rural child could enjoy a quality basic education and receive inclusive, equitable and quality education.
"Education Connects People"

SSSF advocates "Knowledge Sharing Promotes Capacity Building". Working with various partners along the "Belt and Road", we host forums, seminars, offer policy consultation, training courses. Through visits, exchange, training and experience sharing, we try to connect individuals among the Globe South countries.

- **Talent Training**
  - South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance
  - South-South Education Scholarships

- **Exchange Platform**
  - "Silk Road Forum"
  - "Belt and Road" Initiative: Developing Green Economies for Cities

- **Development Experience Sharing**
  - South-South Cooperation Report
South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance

China Experience for South-South Cooperation
Elite Training Enhances "Belt and Road" Finance Exchanges

SSEF has held “South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance” for the past two years, with two classes of 50 senior finance and banking officials and executives from 39 developing countries and regions from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. Through the training program in Tsinghua University in Beijing, China and exchanging views with leading experts in the financial industry, visiting top banking institutions in Beijing and high-tech enterprises, these representatives get fresh insight into remarkable achievements and experience in China’s economic and financial development. In the light of South-South cooperation and “Belt and Road” initiative, “South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance” aims to build the sharing and learning bridge in finance among China and other Global South countries for common development.

Participants enjoy the program and speak highly of it, mainly because that the project provides not just practical knowledge, also the novel teaching method. The field visits offer the participants a real feeling of the changes “China experience” has achieved. The successful practice and experience of China in finance field also provides a reference for other Global South countries.

Participants returned to their respective countries with China experience, and continue to play an important role in their positions. Through WeChat and the WhatsApp groups, the participants keep frequent exchanges and communication, which will build a strong alumni network among the Global South for cooperation on various levels.

▲ In June 2016, Group photo of the First “South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance”

▲ In May 2016, “South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance” and the Silk Road Fund in Beijing

▲ In May 2016, Dr. Shi, Paksaha Paul, Chief Economist of Bangladesh State in the lecture

▲ Lectures during the South-South Education Program for Economics and Finance in 2016

▲ On May 30, 2016, Chairman Cao addresses the opening ceremony
South-South Education Scholarships
Train Professionals, Change Life through Technology

The sustainable development of the Global South countries, such as urban and regional planning, resource development, pollution monitoring, ecological restoration, early warnings for disasters or post-disaster reconstruction, all requires modern satellite remote sensing and GIS (Geographic Information System) technology to provide timely and accurate information. This is not only related to the economic and social development, but also to the security and well-being of the public. However, due to many reasons, developing countries don’t have enough professionals with required skills and knowledge in satellite remote sensing, positioning and GIS technology.

"South-South Education Scholarships" is a joint effort of SSEF and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). This scholarship is for qualified students to pursue a master's degree for one year at the Institute of Space and Earth Information Science (ISEIS) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. It aims to assist developing countries to enhance capacity building in disaster reduction and prevention with remote sensing technology. For now, Students from Asian countries such as Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, China have won the scholarships.

"South-South Education Scholarship" also takes advantage of Hong Kong’s international environment and advanced education for the training of professionals for the Global South. It will also help promote advanced research and technologies in the Global South, so that more people can enjoy a safer environment and more convenience.

Mary Joy Buite from the Philippines has been working as a manager for R&D project that focuses on emerging space technologies such as disaster management and environmental sustainability in the Philippines since 2012. She is involved with one of the Philippines’ largest R&D projects - the “DHUM” program, a national space program that wins the support from the Philippines’ legislators and is expected to be written to a law. Mary was so ecstatic about the opportunity to further study at CUHK. As a mother of two, she overcame many difficulties in order to study in Hong Kong. She now finished her study, went back and committed to local scientific research for her country. The realization of her dream may help her country to be more secure and beautiful.

In November 2016, Maria Joy Buite from the Philippines, recipient of "South-South Education Scholarship".
"Belt and Road" Initiative: Developing Green Economies for Cities
Promote City’s Sustainable Development

Urbanization is an important symbol of human civilization progress. However, rapid urbanization has caused stress on environment, energy, water resources and health. In this regard, the United Nations has put forward the concept of “sustainable cities and communities” in the sustainable development goals. In order to achieve the sustainable development goals of the United Nations, and to further promote the “Belt and Road” Initiative, SSEF has been supporting the United Nations Industrial Development Organization through its sister organization Finance Center For South-South Cooperation, to jointly organize the forum and exhibition in Vienna International Centre, Austria.

South-South Cooperation Report
Changing Roles of South-South Cooperation in the Global Development System: Towards 2030

The 2017 South-South Cooperation Report was released during the second “Belt and Road” Initiative: “Developing Green Economies for Cities” forum and exhibition held in Vienna International City, Austria, on 26 September 2017. SSEF Chairman Cai B-Shang wrote the introduction, and Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Mr. Jorge Chediek, addressed a congratulatory message for it. This report comprehensively analyzes the development and the latest trends of South-South Cooperation from three dimensions of concept, system and practice. Mr. Chediek pointed out that, this report is a timely contribution to multilateral efforts as the international community prepares to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for cooperation among developing countries with a UN High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40).

Firstly, the 2017 South-South Cooperation Report reviews the history of South-South Cooperation, especially its expansion to various fields after the Bandung Conference, such as politics, economy, technology, society and culture of developing countries. At present, new mechanisms for development and cooperation such as BRICS and the “Belt and Road” Initiative have emerged. Secondly, on the basis of traditional theory of economics, South-South Cooperation Report offers innovative perspectives of economics, such as New Structural Economics. In particular, it points out future opportunities for development finance worldwide. Lastly, the report displays case studies on development cooperation between China and Africa, and the development cooperation of Brazil, India and South Africa, injecting new momentum to South-South Cooperation.

Professor Justin Lin, Director of Center for New Structural Economics of Peking University, Former Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank; Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General of Research and Information System for Developing Countries in India; Mr. Richard Carey, former Chairman of Development Assistance Committee of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, and many other world renowned scholars contribute their research findings to this report.
OUR FUTURE EFFORTS

South-South Education Program for Talent Professionals

With United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other organizations, SSEF plans to carry out talent training in developing countries in the most-needed fields including statistics collection and industrial development. In the age of big data, developing countries are gradually exposed to shortage of professionals for data collection. In addition, there is also a big gap in industrialization among developing countries. The training program aims to offer training courses and field studies for professionals, so as to assist the capacity building of the developing countries.

Advanced Youth Leadership

Young people are active promoters of the future development. Together with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, South South Education Foundation will launch the “Advanced Youth Leadership”, cultivating talents who will devote to South-South development for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations. The program committee will select 30-40 youth leaders from 6 Global South countries (5-10 representatives from each country), pairing these young people to corresponding countries according to specific needs of different countries in different areas of sustainable development. Selected young leaders from the paired countries will attend a 2-4 weeks’ orientation and will have the opportunity to have peer discussion and in-depth analysis of sustainable development experiences and challenges of their home country and community. Soon afterwards, youth leaders will have the opportunity to travel to the host country, where they receive three months on-job and on-the-site training from the host country’s relevant institutions. After the training, youth leaders will spend the following six months back in their home country, engaging stakeholders and designing a plan to scale up initiatives within their communities. Lastly, youth leader will then spend two months developing a synthesis report that will analyze challenges and opportunities for sustainable development, sharing advanced ideas and development experience and promoting South-South countries to achieve the goal of sustainable development.

Pre-school and Basic Education Program

Education is fundamental to each individual. SSEF plans to add support to pre-school and basic education. With the efforts and contribution from all walks of the society, introducing charity funds and other capital for kindergartens and schools, we believe it could help improve the public education resources. Together with renowned institutions, SSEF expects to apply education philosophy best fit to the Chinese culture, with the unique curriculum, train talents with comprehensive abilities best suit for the future of China. Through exchange programs, enhance the mutual understanding and cultural communication among Global South countries, and when the harvest of students teach the students to learn, to behave and to be generous to the society.

Local Education Project in Hong Kong SAR

There are many forgotten communities behind the prosperous environment of Hong Kong, such as new immigrant families and single mothers. They live in and struggle in unfavorable homes such as flat subdivisions and ragged enclosures less than 2 square-meters. SSEF sees the challenge and hopes to improve education in these communities, trying to create a better learning environment by improving their living condition, providing various education, training opportunities and extra-curricular activities. In addition, SSEF plans to start Education Allowance Fund for students from families with financial challenges, therefore to prevent them from missing education opportunities and worrying about tuition fees; SSEF will work closely with business sectors and provide internship and training opportunities for professional qualifications, thus facilitating their upward mobility in the society.

Training for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

"Do business with a heart for public welfare and do charity projects with business models", with this spirit, SSEF puts stress on training of business leaders. In the time for mass entrepreneurship and innovation, we hope to integrate business knowledge and practice. While China is joining the world economic trend, more entrepreneurs with international outlook, professional training, and experiences are important in this process. We will also explore possibilities in the social funding for education, and support the coordinated development of education and philanthropy in China.
JOIN HANDS TOGETHER

The Foundation works on Connecting People and Targeted Poverty Alleviation in the Global South, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. We sincerely wish to join hands with people all over the world to achieve this noble objective, and create a sustainable future for the earth we live in. Your action will bring hopes for tomorrow. With every step of kindness, the world will become a better place. The Foundation accepts donations or sponsorship by individual persons and companies dedicated to effectively support education, ICT promotion, building infrastructure for education, training, research and development. Any party with donation of more than 100 HKD can apply for tax exemption in Hong Kong.

You may support us by,
Cash donation, shares or other income property are all helpful.

With HKD 70,000, a computer lab could be set up in the rural area of the global south countries, and 200 students will get access to the outside world;
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With HKD 50,000, a public servant in the global south country could come to study in China for 10 days, facilitating knowledge sharing and capacity building;
With HKD 4,000, a class of students will be able to touch the keyboard of computer, and have one dream come true;

We trust that, knowledge lightens dreams, and education transforms lives.

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