



青樹教育基金會

The Evergreen Education Foundation

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Dear donors and friends,

It is with mixed feelings that Evergreen Education Foundation announces the retirement of our beloved and much appreciated President Prof. Faith Chao.

Prof. Faith Chao founded the Evergreen Education Foundation in 2001 and served as President from inception until December 2017. Her vision is simple yet impactful - to inspire people in bringing educational opportunities to children in rural China, especially through libraries.

Through these 17 years, Prof. Chao has expanded her vision. She has been instrumental in promoting information literacy in rural China. Her vast knowledge spans cross disciplines. With her natural charisma, innovative visions, brilliant ability to connect the dots, and willingness to share what she knows, she has won respect and friendship from experts around the world. Below is just a few highlights on Prof. Chao's legacy:

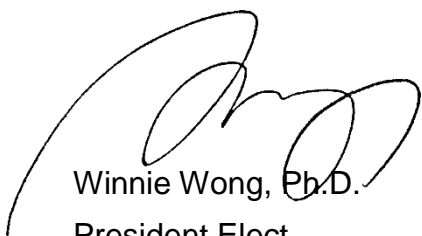
- 2001 Founded Evergreen Education Foundation
- 2002 Founded the biennial Teacher Professional Development & Training Series
- 2004 Founded the biennial Information Technology In Education (ITIE) Conference
- 2004 Led China Evergreen Rural Library (CERL) Service Center in winning the Access to Learning US\$500,000 Award by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2007 Presentation at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA on *A model for expanding information resources to China's rural communities*
- 2007 Presentation at the World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council, Durban, South Africa on *Expanding information access to China's rural communities*

- 2008 Presentation at International Association of School Librarianship Conference, Berkeley, CA, USA on *Benefits from NGO - School library cooperation: the China experience*
- 2009 Advised Tongwei County Library on its circulation automation and addition of information services, including the e-reading room. This effort led to the promotion of the library to a National 2nd Class Public Library status
- 2011 Introduced Online Courses for Teacher Professional Development & Training
- 2012 Led 30 rural Chinese teachers & librarians on a study tour to visit Libraries, educational, and cultural institutions in Taiwan
- 2014 Spearheaded the effort to engage China public libraries in projects related to Local Culture and Oral History
- 2015 Spearheaded EEF Project-Based Learning workshops for teachers in rural China Schools
- 2016 Pioneered the idea of creating Makerspaces in China Public Libraries

Prof. Chao will always be remembered as the visionary of rural China education. Not only is she committed to Evergreen's vision and mission. She is extremely hands-on, hardworking, and dedicated. Her virtues and values are inspirations and true examples for us to study and follow.

Please join us celebrate all of Prof. Chao's accomplishments at her end of service. The entire crew here at Evergreen wishes her the best on her future endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Winnie Wong', written in a cursive style.

Winnie Wong, Ph.D.

President Elect

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