



HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

2005 PROGRAM SUMMARY

HRIC's MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission of Human Rights in China (HRIC) is to promote universally recognized human rights and advance the institutional protection of these rights in the People's Republic of China. As a Chinese NGO supported by networks of activists in China, Europe, and the United States, HRIC implements programs to generate institutional, systemic change in China while engaging in critical advocacy strategies on behalf of individuals in China.

HRIC's PROGRAMS

HRIC seeks to enlarge the independent civil space within China by engaging a broad cross-section of citizens, activists, government officials, lawyers, corporate leaders and media outlets inside and outside China:

- **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:** Monitoring China's progress on its international human rights obligations;
- **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES:** Publicizing the human rights situation in China and HRIC's work promoting human rights;
- **INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC ADVOCACY:** Holding China accountable for its international human rights obligations through its involvement in the UN, WTO, and 2008 Olympics;
- **ELECTRONIC ADVOCACY:** Promoting on-line activism and freedom of expression over the Internet to expand civil society in China; and
- **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION:** Strengthening the China-related human rights expertise of non-profit organizations, governments, funders, scholars, lawyers and the media.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT HRIC's PROGRAMS

- In an article published in *The Pacific Review*, (Vol. 16, No. 3 2003) sinologist and political scientist Jean-Philippe Beja attributes HRIC's growing influence during the past decade to its high quality of information, sophisticated research, high level of efficiency and access to government and policy-making circles.
- An independent evaluation prepared in 1999 by the National Endowment of Democracy, cited HRIC's Web site, www.hrichina.org, as "essential reading by those concerned with human rights issues." NED describes HRIC as professionally run and extraordinarily effective considering its small staff and budget.
- Readers inside China comment regularly on HRIC's electronic advocacy work. An anonymous Chinese lawyer writes:

"The range of issues included in (your newsletter) are all issues that ordinary Chinese normally discuss the most; the style is tight, the conclusions concise and thorough. Regarding Internet security.....(e)ven though I am replying to you, there are thoughts that I must keep to myself; there is no opportunity to speak, even briefly, and that is also most regrettable. However, ultimately, one blade of grass can set the prairie ablaze!"

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