Joint Run Schools in PR China

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The Chinese-foreign cooperation in running schools has played an important part in China’s opening to the outside. Through the international education cooperation, Chinese government introduces the most needed programs and courses from overseas and offers her people great chance to receive high quality education. Also, it is propitious to foreign educational institutions to promote their high quality educational program in China and have their name renowned in China.

In 1995, the Chinese government issued the Interim Provision for Chinese-foreign joint schools. The later fast development has proved that this Interim Provision has played a very positive role in enhancing the Chinese-foreign cooperation in running schools. According to statistics, there were only 70 cooperative programs in 1995, while the number of approved cooperative programs has expanded 9 times and reached to 712 by the end of 2002.

The Chinese government issued the “Regulation on Chinese Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools” in 2003. It has some substantial new features, including giving foreign organizations and institutions more freedom to run schools with appropriate investment, which could be profitable for non-degree education. Their legal rights and interests in running schools are protected by the laws of China. Besides, the new regulation also gives an impetus to the import of advanced educational ideology, new mode of school running, improvement of teaching standards. Thus, it is believed the issue of the new regulation can be a new drive for further development of joint running schools in China in the future.