Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange——CHINA’S INFORMATION CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION

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Main Functions of the CSCSE

1. Service for the returning scholars
2. Service for Chinese students and scholars studying abroad
3. Service for studying in China
4. Verification of overseas educational information and overseas academic degrees and qualifications
5. China’s Information Centre for International Recognition
CHINA’S RESPONSE TO UNESCO REGIONAL CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA AND PACIFIC

- Background Information
- Chinese government signed and ratified the Regional Convention in 1984;
- 38 bilateral agreements on recognizing of Higher Education Degrees and Qualifications;
- WTO and FTA;
- 2010-2020 National Education Reform and Planning;
- Dedicated organization responsible for verifying of overseas education information and degrees and diplomas—CSCSE—performed as one of China’s national information centres
Trend of Studying Abroad in China

• Great growth of studying abroad students in China:
  -- over 1,700,000 students and scholars studying abroad in total since 1978
  -- About 270,000 Chinese students going abroad for studies in the year of 2010;

• Studying abroad is widely accepted by Chinese society and considered as an important way of training human resource
Cross-Border Education Development in China

- Jointly run programs and institutions between Chinese educational institutions and their overseas partners;
- Double degree programs;
- International students exchange programs;
- Distance learning programs;
- International students studying in China
CSCSE--China’s Information Centre

- Provide verified study abroad information and international educational information
- Release recommended overseas HEIs list and relevant information
- 10759 foreign institutions of 33 countries published at: http://www.jsj.edu.cn ; http://www.cscse.edu.cn ;
- Maintain the content of UNESCO portal website ;
- Involvement of Asia-Pacific Academic Recognition Network (APARNET)
Verification of overseas Academic Degrees (1)

History

• Year 1991: started verification service
• Year 2000: obtained the approval of Ministry of Education and Academic Degree Commission of the State Council
• To date: the only authorized verification organization; The verification service covers over 100 countries and areas
Verification to Foreign Academic Degrees (2)

Objectives

• Verification of overseas educational institutions and their qualifications
• Authenticity of foreign academic degrees
• Equivalency recommendation
Verification to Foreign Academic Degrees (3)

Clients

• Students returned from overseas
• Students of Chinese-foreign jointly-run programs
• Overseas students applying to study in China
• Holders of foreign academic degrees
Verification to Foreign Academic Degrees (4)

Application Documents

- Foreign Degree Certificate
- Transcript （Diploma Supplement）
- Thesis Abstract
- Passport and visa
- Certificate from Chinese Embassies overseas
- Domestic Degree Certificate
Verification to Foreign Academic Degrees (5)

Main content of Accreditation Certificate—China’s practice of Diploma Supplements

- Students personal data (Name, Gender, Birth date and place)
- Studying length
- Enrolled higher educational institutions
- The major and concentration
- The academic level
- The title of degrees and diplomas awarded
- The eligibility and accreditation of the awarding bodies by home country authorities or related accredited agencies
- The confirmation of diploma’s authenticity
The Official Evaluation of The Foreign Diploma

108,801 in Total
Major Challenges For National Information Centers in Asia Countries

- APQN, a useful tool, less coordinated?;
- How to establish an effective cooperative mechanism;
Thank You!