Association of Chinese Universities for Open Learning Resources

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About Association of Chinese Universities for Open Learning Resources

♦ **Description**: a non-profit association of Chinese Universities established in 2010 guided by MOE of PRC

♦ **Mission**: promote the development and use of open sharing of advanced higher education and continuing education learning resources in China

♦ **Member universities**: ACUOLR begins with 103 universities in China. And Peking University takes the lead at ACUOLR.

♦ **Key Events**: As of April, 2012, ACUOLR published over 2000 courses freely online, covering a wide range of subject matter
What is the importance of OER

- OER have potential to contribute to improving access to knowledge and to Education for All.
- OER play an important role to meet the evolving learning needs of the society.
- Institutions and academics have an ethical and moral obligation to share their work and knowledge as widely as possible.
- OER movement is good publicity for institutions.
- OER better leverages public funding.
- OER nourish the kind of participatory culture of learning, creating, sharing and cooperation.
What are the main lessons we learned and key challenges we face

◆ The main lessons we learned
  - Provide abundant learning materials to meet a broader group of learners’ needs
  - Take measures to make quality assurance of development of OER

◆ The key Challenges we face
  - Sustaining financial viability
  - Institution and staff motivation
  - Evaluation of learning effectiveness of OER
What would we need from the government

- **Awareness raising and promotion**
  - the whole society’s awareness of OER
  - from ‘knowledge for all’ to ‘construction of knowledge by all’

- **New policy on**
  - Standards and quality assurance
  - Education policy
  - Incentives for faculty members

- **Sustaining viability**
  - Necessary financing support
  - More models
Thanks

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