Exhibition of Students' Works from Chinese Special Education Colleges

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Abstract: As a part of our international activities and as a leading institution of PEN-International, Tsukuba College of Technology planned “The Exhibition of Students’ Works from Chinese Special Education Colleges”, which showed the works of students of three post secondary educational institutions in the People’s Republic of China; Technical College for the Deaf of Tianjin University of Technology, Special Education College of Changchun University and Special Education College of Beijing Union University. The exhibition was held three times in three different places in Japan.

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Background of the exhibition

Tsukuba College of Technology has sister institution agreements with three Chinese Colleges and is hoping to promote further exchange with them. We proposed our plan of exhibition to the delegates of the three Chinese Colleges at the PEN-International Business Meeting in April 2004 and they approved it there. In the process of planning out the exhibition, we determined that ten pieces from each Chinese college be displayed at our exhibition, and it would take place three times in Japan in October 2004.

The Exhibition of Chinese Students’ Works 1 (Fig.1)

The 5th International Symposium of Tsukuba College of Technology was held on the 1st October, 2004, on the subject of “The Presence and the Future of Higher Education for the Students with Disabilities in China and Japan”. President Ohnuma Naoki of Tsukuba College of Technology, President Bao Buo-Dong of Technical College for the Deaf of Tianjin University of Technology, President Qu Xue Li of Special Education College of Beijing Union University and President Wang Aiguo of Special Education College of Changchun University gave presentations and a panel discussion took place. The Exhibition corner was set up in the Auditorium Entrance Hall and the efforts of post-secondary education for handicapped students in China was introduced to the participants.
The Exhibition of Chinese Students’ Works 2 (Fig.2)

11th All Japan Conference of the late deafened and hard of hearing in Tokyo took place 8th ~10th, October, 2004. This conference held open lectures on hearing impairment and a trade fair of hearing compensation equipment was held together. Our Exhibition corner was set up in the conference hall and it attracted remarkable attention of the people who are deaf or hard of hearing and the people working with them.

The Exhibition of Chinese Students’ Works 3 (Fig.3)

Our Exhibition, named “Exhibition of Students’ Works from Chinese Special Education Colleges and Tsukuba College of Technology” was held 15th to 17th October, 2004 in extensive and modern Tsukuba Museum. The exhibition displayed the wonderful works of students with disabilities and it gave a splendid impression to the people living in the home area of TCT.

This was our first experience to plan out an exhibition of works from foreign institutions. It was our great pleasure to hold our exhibition three times at three places and introduced the works of students with disabilities to a lot of Japanese people. We would like to thank our colleagues in China and the U.S.A for their warm partnership and friendship here again. At the end of this paper, we would like to express our expectation that an international exhibition of works of students with disabilities will be held someday in the near future.

Review of "Exhibition in Japan of Students' Works from Bao Guodong, President of Technical College for the Deaf in China"

Exhibition of Students’ Works from Chinese Special Education Colleges was held successfully in Japan in October, 2004. It was quite a cheerful event This exhibition vividly showed several art works of Chinese students with different disabilities. These works fully reveal the students’ art talent and love of life and demonstrate that they are full of an optimistic view of life. This exhibition certainly was able to leave a nice impression to every visitor.

The success of this exhibition is owed to the faculty of Tsukuba College of Technology. We are quite grateful to Mr. Araki Tsutomu and all other ladies and gentlemen who worked hard for this exhibition. Success of this exhibition fully reveals the arduous and cooperative spirit between Chinese and Japanese educators of special education. I earnestly hope that cooperation among educators and colleges of special education of our two nations will be developed further and make more contributions to the friendship between Chinese and Japanese people.