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**SUMMARY REPORT of the PROJECT**

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**Objectives of the project (as indicated in the project proposal)**

This project is aimed to localise a Finnish-based higher education administration training programme in China in cooperation with Chinese partners. The major activities include staff and student exchange for curriculum development through comparative studies and a pilot training for evaluation. Through the curriculum development and training Chinese higher education decision-makers and administrators, it is expected to resolve some key challenges in cooperation between Chinese and Finnish higher education institutions. As direct results, the understanding between the two countries on higher education will be strengthened and the curriculum can be used in potential joint degree programmes with China. More Finnish institutions will benefit from the alumni network of the training when developing cooperation in China.

**Achieved results and outcomes**

1. A localised training was planned and piloted in the training seminar, organised by the National Academy of Education Administration, for 100 Chinese university leaders.
2. The image of Finnish higher education has been largely enhanced among Chinese higher education stakeholders after the project.
3. Finnish higher education has been considered as a role model for the on-going Chinese reforms on transforming 600 regional universities to be UASs like.
4. Opportunities are created for Finnish universities and Finnish UASsto develop training for Chinese university administrators and teachers.

**Activities carried out during the project**

- Project kick-off event in January 2013
- A numbers of project seminars and visits between Chinese and Finnish partners in 2013 and 2014
- Two Sino-Finnish Learning Garden Seminars in June and August 2014
- A joint research on “What lessons China can learn from international experiences in building universities of applied sciences?” was completed in 2014
- Pilot training for 100 Chinese university leaders organised by Chinese Ministry of Education in Kunming in November 2014

**Future developments**

2. Training for Chinese university leaders in Finland or China by UTA in cooperation with other Finnish HEIs.
3. Training for Chinese teachers and managers in the transition universities by UTA and Finnish UASs.
4. Joint research project and policy consulting on the transformation of regional universities towards application oriented institutions in China by UTA in collaboration with Finnish and Chinese HEIs.

**Other remarks**

The project benefit all Finnish higher education institutions. It provided a basis for institutional cooperation between Finnish and Chinese HEIs on the vocational and professional higher education and institutional transformation as well as joint research on the topic.