The 15th ICSD Symposium – Seeking Harmony and Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict
Hong Kong, China, from 16-20 July 2007

INVITATION

On behalf of the International Consortium for Social Development and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, I am pleased to invite you to The 15th ICSD Symposium – Seeking Harmony and Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict, to be held in Hong Kong, China, from 16-20 July 2007.

We have invited many internationally distinguished scholars, practitioners and government officials to speak during the conference. They include:

- Professor Amartya SEN (Nobel Prize Laureate in Economics) to present the keynote speech on “Unity and Discord in Social Development”
- Mr. Khalid MALIK, United Nations Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative (China) to speak on “Seeking Harmony & Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict”
- Mr. Abul KHAYER, Deputy General Manager and Chief of Coordination and Operation Department of Grameen Bank, Bangladesh, to speak on the use of micro-credit banking to alleviate poverty.
- Dr. Thomas Sze-tong CHAN, CEO of World Vision China to speak on capacity building initiatives in China
- Professor James Midgley of the University of California at Berkeley to speak on “From welfare to work: A social development approach”
- Professor Sibin WANG, Professor of Peking University and President of the China Association of Social Work Education, to speak on “China at the Crossroads: Transformative Developments and Social Policy Responses”
- High officials of the Ministry of Civil Affairs to speak on policies and practice of social assistance in China, as well as new policy initiatives to enhance the professionalization of social work in the Chinese Mainland.
- Heads of 6 local NGOs in China to speak on NGO development strategies, etc.

For detailed information of the symposium, please visit our website: http://www.polyu.edu.hk/apss/ICSD/home.htm.

Looking forward to seeing you in the conference:
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