

# Greeting Message from the Host

I am honored to take this opportunity to extend my greetings to the successful opening of the 8<sup>th</sup> China International Higher Education Exhibition Tour (CIHEET) which is held at Beijing, Xi'an, Dalian, Shanghai, Xiamen, Chongqing and Shenzhen between February 22 and March 9, 2003.

The Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange started hosting CIHEET since Spring 1999. The past seven series of CIHEET contributed significantly to the public and earned favorable reputation for future CIHEETs. We have the following aims of holding CIHEET: 1) to foster the exchange and co-operation between higher education institutions and all related parties in order to protect and regulate the proper development of the overseas study market; 2) to provide a platform to all parties providing the latest, most authoritative and direct information about studying abroad; 3) to introduce the best foreign education to our students in order to meet the needs of continuing our road of modernization; 4) to strengthen bilateral exchange in order to facilitate to understand the differences among foreign countries' education systems; 5) to bridge the gap between legal agents and overseas higher education institutions; 6) to crystallize the spirit of government policies by promulgating official foreign higher education institutions through our website: [www.cscse.edu.cn](http://www.cscse.edu.cn); 7) to create opportunities to make the government's policies public in response to the opening up of our country.

Thanks to the tremendous effort put by every party, more than 200 institutions from 20 plus countries will take part in the 8<sup>th</sup> CIHEET. They will present their education systems, programs and relevant details at various exhibition venues. Besides, representatives of 40 sino-foreign institutions and 80 legal agents will also participate in the event.

Returning students have been making immense contribution to the economic development and reform of China. They demonstrate their talents in various fields such as technology, education, culture, economics, politics and national defense etc. I sincerely hope the 8<sup>th</sup> CIHEET helps our students to pave their own ways of furthering their study abroad. I also invite all the students to return home upon completion of their overseas study in order to get involved to the modernization of our home country.

May I also take this opportunity to extend my gratitude on behalf of the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange to our joint-organizers and supporters for their assistance offered during the 8<sup>th</sup> CIHEET.

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