

and communities to facilitate the development of local economic development strategies and plans to bolster increased investment, trade and development.

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STUDY TOURS

In cooperation with prominent Chinese universities and other institutions, ADF organizes special study tours between China and U.S. for American and Chinese scholars, policy makers, business and NGO leaders to meet with their counterparts, and increase understanding and relationships for increased cooperation.



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Programs in China



AMERICA'S DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (ADF) is a U.S. nonprofit private voluntary organization (PVO) established in 1980 and dedicated to the international development of democracy. ADF believes a vibrant civil society promotes social and economic development. ADF has experience and expertise working in over thirty countries throughout the world with thousands of local civil society organizations and host governments strengthening democratic values, institutions and processes and advancing social and economic development.

ADF IN CHINA

ADF opened its office in Beijing, China in March 2007. ADF's resident country director, Mr. Thomas Bork, has over ten years experience working in China with numerous educational and governmental organizations. In cooperation with universities and other prominent institutions in China, ADF



plans include implementation of civil society, civic education, and local governance programs and the organization of special study tours between the U.S. and China to promote better understanding and relationships.

PROGRAMS

CIVIL SOCIETY

ADF promotes the growth and development of civil society organizations to more effectively organize themselves in support of social and economic development interests. ADF strengthens civil society organizational capacities with training and technical assistance in such areas as the following: strategic planning; organizational development; internal governance, membership and public constituencies development, program design, monitoring and evaluation; financial management; and resources development including proposal writing and fund raising.

CIVIC EDUCATION

Working in both formal and informal educational settings, ADF provides training, technical assistance, and other resources to increase understanding of democratic values and processes, including citizen rights and responsibilities. In informal education, ADF provides advocacy training to civil society organizations to representatively give voice to their individual and

collective interests and participate in decision-making processes. In addition to providing training and technical assistance to organizations to develop informal civic education programs, ADF assists educational institutions to develop better curriculum and materials in civic education for formal educational systems.



LOCAL GOVERNANCE

ADF provides assistance to improve linkages between local government and citizens to promote local governance, transparency and accountability and local economic development. ADF strengthens local governance through a combination of specialized academic studies, training workshops, and on the job training. ADF offers training and technical assistance to local government organizations, civil society organizations and academic institutions in developing curriculum in these areas. Also, ADF provides services to local governments