

Deepest Mourning for Dr. Zhou Nanzhao^{*)}



Dr. Zhou Nan-zhao, the president of UNESCO-APNIEVE, the member of UNESCO International Commission on Education for the Twenty-first Century, former Senior Programme Specialist on International Education and Coordinator of UNESCO-APEID, unfortunately passed away in Beijing 306 Hospital on Beijing time 5:15, July 16, 2014, at the age of 72.

Dr. Zhou Nan-zhao was Senior Research Fellow at China National Institute of Educational Research, Founding Director and professor of the International Center of Teacher Education at East China Normal University. From 2005 he has been serving as President of UNESCO Asia-Pacific Network of International Education and Values Education (APNIEVE) and APNIEVE CHINA.

Dr. Zhou has taken an active part in UNESCO education programme activities since early 1980's. Between 1998 and 2004, he was Senior Programme Specialist in International Education and Coordinator of UNESCO Asia-Pacific Programme of Education Innovation for Development (APEID), at Bangkok-based UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education. Before joining UNESCO, he was Vice President of the China National Institute of Educational Research as the research arm of Ministry of Education, China and Vice President of China Comparative Education Society (CCES) .

He was a member of International Commission for Education in the Twenty-first Century (the Delors Commission), appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO , which produced the report titled *Learning: The Treasure Within* during 1993 to 1996. He was Director a.i., UNESCO Principal Regional Office for

Asia and the Pacific (PROAP), appointed by the Office of the Director-General, August 2000 to early July 2001, during which representing UNESCO at UN Thematic Themes Groups, including EFA, gender equity, poverty alleviation, rural development, HIV/AIDS). He held a UNESCO Chair of University-Industry Relationship and was Chairman of the Chinese Committee for Education-Industry Partnership and convened International Seminars on Education-Business Partnership. He has had wide experiences in educational programmes with multilateral and bilateral agencies.

He was Experts' Team Leader, UNICEF Project on Promoting Primary Education In Western Region of China from 1994 to 1998, which had a major component of girls education , and meantime he was also Director, UNICEF Project Technical Services Center, CNIER, Beijing.

For the non-governmental International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), Dr. Zhou has been a member of its Council of Foundation (2002-2007), a world leader in international and inter-cultural education enjoying consultative status with UNESCO (2000-present), and served as Chair of the Regional Advisory Committee for Asia-Pacific(2002-2006). He was member, Executive Committee, World Council of Comparative Education Societies (WCCES 1990-1996), He was Chinese Representative at the Executive Committee, International Association for Evaluation of Educational Achievements (IEA) (1992-1998). Dr. Zhou was also Founding member, Comparative Education Society of Asia (CESA), and a CCES representative to CESA Board of Directors (1995-1998).

Prof. Zhou held a Ph.D. degree in education from State University of New York at Buffalo. For his achievement he was a recipient of SUNY/Buffalo Outstanding Alumni Award and was President of SUNY-Buffalo Alumni China Chapter.

Dr. Zhou has had more than one hundred published writings in English and Chinese, in areas of educational policy studies, curriculum change, teacher education, and comparative/international education. He Participated in dozens of UNESCO programme activities in Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Britain, Chile, Canada, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Korea (North), Korea (South), Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand,

Oman, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yugoslavia and so on.

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