

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
FALL 2015
PARTICIPANT BIOS**

**BODIGEREL ALIMAA
WASH ACTION OF MONGOLIA**



Ms. Bodigerel Alimaa works as a fundraiser and foreign relations officer in a local NGO, WaSH Action of Mongolia, which specializes in water, sanitation and hygiene issues in the underdeveloped areas of Ulaanbaatar city. She was born in Ulaanbaatar and is enthusiastically working with an organization that aims to solve the most crucial problem that the city is facing. Bodigerel has work experience in both the humanitarian and business sectors in Mongolia which gives her an advantage in communicating with different stakeholders in the country.

She received a master of management degree from the University of South Australia after receiving a master's of international business administration from the Mongolian University of Science and Technology, from which she also received her BA. She loves nature and sports.

Ms. Alimaa will be at Waterkeeper Alliance in New York City.

**BI XINXIN
CHINA ASSOCIATION FOR NGO COOPERATION**



Mr. Bi Xinxin coordinates the Climate Action Network in China, hosted by the China Association for NGO Cooperation, and facilitates climate policy advocacy, public awareness raising, international exchanges and capacity building programs with its members. He has been promoting and making efforts to improve the environment for NGO involvement in the domestic policy debate and international engagement in United Nations climate conferences, in particular, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change process.

His academic background is on the science of climate change and its technical solutions, gained from intensive master's degree study and research at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences; his B.A. at Tianjin Agricultural University was in environmental science.

Mr. Bi's placement is at the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C.

NOMINCHIMEG DAVAANYAM
TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL MONGOLIA



Ms. Nominchimeg (Nomin for short) Davaanyam spent a year in Texas as a high school exchange student. Later she was accepted at Peking University and graduated with a BA degree in international affairs in 2009. She is fluent in English, Chinese and Russian, as well as Mongolian.

She started her career in the Beijing representative office of the Mongolian Anod Bank as a student. Since completing her degree she has been involved in the mining sector, the education sector and the business sector in Mongolia.

She started working for Transparency International Mongolia in January 2015 and has been actively involved in educating youth about corruption and related issues.

Ms. Davaanyam will spend her placement at the Earth Island Institute in Berkeley, CA.

HUANG YAOHUA
AIBAI CULTURE & EDUCATION CENTER



Mr. Huang Yaohua (Jacob) is the workplace program director of Aibai, the largest LGBT non-profit organization in China. Established in 1999, its mission is to promote equal rights for LGBT people through three key strategies: strengthening community alliances, promoting public education and advocacy, and providing medical and nutritional support services for people living with HIV.

Mr. Huang initiated the first nationwide survey on the work environment for LGBT employees in China in 2013, and he is the organizer of the Annual Workplace Diversity Conference in China. Having been in the LGBT movement for seven years, he is now dedicated in promoting LGBT equality at China's workplace by leveraging international business practices.

Mr. Huang received his bachelor's degree in Arabic language and literature from Beijing Foreign Studies University. After graduating, he spent a year working as an interpreter for China Oilfield Services in Iraq.

Mr. Huang will be at Out & Equal in San Francisco.

LIU YAN
CONSULTATION CENTER OF AIDS AID AND HEALTH SERVICE



Liu Yan, also known as Michael, is a youth researcher and youth advocate in the Asia/ Pacific region. After receiving his bachelor's degree in metallurgy engineering from Northeastern University of China, he involved himself in a local non-government organization in northeast China as a full-time staff member. After five years working with people living with HIV, LGBT people and sex workers (including male-to-male and transgender sex workers), he is now a community-based researcher and facilitator for community capacity building training and workshops, a sexual orientation and gender identity trainer, and a youth advocate for LGBT people, sex workers, and those who are HIV positive.

In 2014, he was the first director to shoot a documentary on trans sex workers in China. His work was screened at the Sex Worker Film & Arts Festival in San Francisco, the Boston LGBT Film Festival, and the Bangalore Queer Film Festival in India in 2015. Now he is a member of the core working group of Youth Voices Count (Collective Voices of Young MSM and TG Communities for AIDS), and serving many young people in the Asia/Pacific Region.

In his spare time, he loves swimming, cooking and watching comic films.

Mr. Liu's placement is at the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C.

LÜ FEI
ABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



Lü Fei is the director of an NGO that advocates for inclusion in society for people with disabilities, the Able Development Institute. She has been advocating for employment and other disability rights for over a decade. She is currently leading a project to understand opportunities for adults with disabilities in Beijing. ADI engages in legal training, advocacy, consulting, and research on behalf of NGOs that focus on disability rights, government entities, and individuals with disabilities. Their philosophy is to help people learn to help themselves. They assist organizations in the fields of development, industry, and commerce in pursuing integrated employment exploration. ADI is especially devoted to addressing the barriers women with disabilities face in finding employment.

Ms. Lü's placement is at CLASS in Lawrence, MA.

GANTUYA SAINKHUU
SAINKHUU IVEEL FOUNDATION



Ms. Gantuya SainkhUU is the head of the SainkhUU Iveel Foundation in Mongolia. She is the author of *Irgun* (citizen), which became a bestseller in 2014. She is an activist in developing responsible and informed citizens; her foundation implements projects empowering women to become active, responsible and well-informed citizens of Mongolia. Her past employment was mostly with international development organizations where she implemented projects that contributed to the country's social and economic development. Now Gantuya is planning to work on the country's political development empowering more women to be politically active and enable more women to work at a decision-making level.

Ms. SainkhUU successfully implemented an equal pay campaign in 2012-2013, which raised the issue of the value of a Mongolian worker and equal pay for workers in the public and private sectors, and for men and women doing the same jobs.

Ms. SainkhUU will spend her placement at the YWCA of Seattle, King, and Snohomish Counties in Washington State.

TONG NING
CHINA PHILANTHROPY RESEARCH CENTER



Ms. Tong Ning works at the China Philanthropy Research Institute (CPRI), Beijing Normal University. As director of the Center for Teaching Management, she is responsible for managing of education and training programs related to philanthropy and social innovation. Her daily duties include the development of teaching resources, database set-up, case writing, class management, course evaluation and literature translation. Her job keeps her in close contact with academics and professionals in the third sector locally and internationally. For example, she is in charge of an executive management of philanthropy program, a one-year certificate program jointly run by CPRI and the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University. It is the first international program of its kind in China, with major participation of China's NPO leaders.

In addition, she is the associate director of the Education and Training Department, supervising a diversity of customized training programs, including "50 Introductory Online Courses on Philanthropy" funded by the Ford Foundation, two train the trainer programs and a workshop on impact measurement. She hopes education can be a "soft" vehicle for the promotion of public awareness and the whole philanthropy sector.

She received her master's degree in education and international development at the Institute of Education, University College London. She earned two first bachelor's degrees in English and Chinese at Zhejiang University. I attended a brief study program on the development of global issues hosted by UNESCO's International Institute for Education Planning and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris in 2012.

Ms. Tong's placement is at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, MA.

WANG YONGMEI
THE GLOBAL NETWORK FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW (PILNET)



Ms. Wang Yongmei is program manager and senior legal officer in PILnet's Beijing office. She is responsible for working with PILnet's partners to design and implement projects and provide advice and training. Before joining PILnet, Wang Yongmei worked at China Law Development Consultants as a program officer for more than three years.

She is a lawyer who previously worked for domestic and international law firms for more than six years. She obtained her bachelor's degree in law from Xiamen University and her master's degree in maritime law from Nottingham University (U.K.). She also completed a legal professional course at the College of Law (U.K.), graduating with commendation.

Ms. Wang's placement is at the Massachusetts Legal Reform Institute in Boston.

WU YIXIU
GREENPEACE EAST ASIA



Ms. Wu Yixiu is a Greenpeace Global Toxics Campaigner. Yixiu has worked on the Greenpeace toxics campaign for six years, focusing on water/chemical pollution issues. She was head of the toxics team in Greenpeace East Asia in Beijing, leading the toxics team to address the country's water pollution problem caused by excessive industrial discharge. Prior to taking her position at Greenpeace she worked as a journalist for radio stations, including China Radio International and Asia Calling.

Yixiu is now based in Shanghai as a Greenpeace global campaigner promoting responsible corporate environmental performance.

Ms. Wu received her B.A. in history from Fudan University and her master's degree in journalism from the University of Westminster in the U.K.

Ms. Wu will be at the Environmental Working Group in Washington, D.C.

XIA DONGHUA
YUNNAN DAYTOP DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTER



Xia Donghua (Jenny) has been working in the NGO sector for more than ten years in three major areas: public health, rural development and legal aid. She is currently working for a local NGO in Kunming, China, named the Yunnan Daytop Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center as HIV program advisor, focusing on provision of legal aid services to people infected with and affected by HIV in China. Before Daytop, Jenny was the regional program manager of the Asia Pacific Council of AIDS Service Organizations, in charge of a five-year HIV advocacy project in China and India.

Ms. Xia received her B.A. in public relations from Yunnan Normal University, and a certificate in Health Social Science from Mahidol

University in Thailand.

Ms. Xia will be placed at the Hopkins Hospital and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD.

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The U.S. Department of State has awarded a grant to the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations to implement the Professional Fellows Program for China and Mongolia. This two-way exchange program includes participants who work in the fields of environment, legal aid, community building with marginalized populations, and philanthropy. The heart of the program is a four-week fellowship placement at an organization in the United States that focuses on the same issue(s) as the fellow and his/her home institution. The placements are tailored to each individual and host organization, and include shadowing staff members, participating in meetings, learning about the host organization's day-to-day work, and observing the overall activity of the host organization. In addition, all participants are responsible for implementing individual projects in their home countries upon their return; the projects must be built upon – or informed by – what s/he learned during the fellowship placement.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS



The National Committee on United States-China Relations is a nonprofit, educational organization that encourages understanding of China and the United States among citizens of both countries. The Committee conducts exchange and policy activities with mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan in the areas of economic development and management, governance and legal affairs, international relations, educational administration, environmental and global issues, and mass communication.

Membership includes distinguished Americans from all parts of the country who represent many points of view but share the belief that increased public knowledge of China, U.S.-China relations, and developments in "Greater China" enhances international understanding and strengthens the Sino-American relationship.

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