

**PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM  
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**CHEN SHU  
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON**



Ms. Chen Shu, from Kunming, Yunnan, is a passionate wildlife conservationist. Since graduating from the National University of Singapore in 2012, she has developed her career in conservation. Currently, she is the China projects coordinator for the Zoological Society of London and serves as an Asian Elephant specialist for the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Species Survival Committee.

Ms. Chen works closely with multiple stakeholders in China, including governments at various levels, academics, protected areas, and NGOs. The conservation projects she has led focus on critically endangered species (e.g., the Chinese giant salamander, pangolin, and Asian elephant), illegal wildlife trafficking, and environmental education to raise public awareness.

Ms. Chen has been placed at Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C.

**CHEN YANG  
SHENZHEN MANGROVE WETLANDS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION**



Ms. Chen Yang is deputy director of public education of the Shenzhen Mangrove Wetlands Conservation Foundation (MCF), which is a public foundation registered in Shenzhen, China. MCF is dedicated to protecting coastal wetlands through education, research, and conservation projects.

Ms. Chen participated in an environmental education (EE) program in January 2008 for the first time as a volunteer. In the program she was trained as an educator and taught EE lessons in primary and secondary schools in Kunming every two weeks for four years. In addition, she led a nature study group in a student organization, Huanqinshe, at Yunnan University. The study group's programs have lasted for a long period, helping hundreds of students build their understanding and love of nature by offering outreach and interpretation program to campus, natural parks, and public areas.

Chen Yang wrote the Shenzhen Nature Education System Construction Research Project as a consultant to MCF and the Shenzhen government in 2016, and then joined the staff. She now manages a wetlands center in the Futian Mangrove National Nature Reserve. The visitor's center hosted 5,044 visitors in 2018. They aim to develop meaningful and sustainable relationships with schools and communities. They offer guided walks about mangroves, birds, and tidal creatures to the public. They also run school programs, hosting teams of students in outdoor wetlands lessons; they are also leading a teacher group writing a guidebook to meet the requirements of the national curriculum.

Ms. Chen has been placed at the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, Minnesota, on Lake Superior.

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**CHENG LOK CHIT**  
**HONG KONG FREE PRESS**



Mr. Cheng Lok Chit, known as Kris, is editorial director at the Hong Kong Free Press; he is interested in regional politics and diplomacy. His work has been featured in the *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, Public Radio International, the *Hong Kong Economic Times*, and other publications.

He has a bachelor of social science degree in sociology from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Kris participated in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program in February and March 2016.

Mr. Cheng has been placed at PEN America in New York City.

**AGBEKO KOKOU DZADU**  
**ALL BLACK FC HONG KONG**



Mr. Darius Agbeko Kokou Dzadu is a coach, the general captain, and project manager of the All Black Football Club, an initiative that bridges social and cultural differences among refugees, ethnic minorities, and Hong Kong locals through the uniting power of sport. He is passionate about improving the working conditions of marginalized communities, mainly refugees and ethnic minorities, and hosts talks in Hong Kong shedding light on the plight of asylum seekers around the world.

Originally from Togo, Darius helps bring refugees, mainland Chinese, and native Hong Kongers together, connecting them over the common cause of serving the local community. Apart from being a football/soccer coach, Darius is also a human rights advocate. He believes refugees and ethnic minorities can contribute positively toward social and economic change in Hong Kong, and worldwide. He is interested in telling tales of personal struggles, wasted talents, and remarkable breakthroughs in refugee communities to inspire people to get involved and work for positive and sustainable change in the society.

Now a Hong Kong resident, he continues representing and speaking for his community through speeches and outreach, locally and internationally.

Mr. Dzadu has been placed at Soccer Without Borders in Seattle, Washington.

**HUANG SHULING**  
**MY H2O WATER INFORMATION NETWORK**



Huang Shuling is partner and executive director of MyH2O, a start-up that focuses on water information and purification solutions in China, especially in rural areas. Since 2015 she has visited 10 provinces to carry out water research fieldwork. With four years of experience in the environmental and social innovation non-profit sectors, Shuling pays much attention to environmental sustainability and rural development. She was a fellow of the Global Sustainability Fellows Program in 2018.

Shuling received her master's degree in ecology from the South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences, and her bachelor's degree from the South China Agricultural University in Guangzhou, China.

Ms. Huang has been placed at H2O for Life in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

**LEE SHANGLIN**  
**NOORDHOFF CRANIOFACIAL FOUNDATION**



Mr. Lee Shanglin, also known as Linus, is the deputy director of the division of international cooperation at the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation of Taiwan. He is in charge of international medical cooperation with hospitals in developing countries, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Philippines, Pakistan and Vietnam. He also works as the secretary general for Taiwan AID, the first NGO platform in Taiwan aiming at international development, to facilitate more cooperation between Taiwanese and international NGOs.

In addition to his work in Taiwan, Linus was an international fellow of Mercy Corps based in Akhaltsikhe, Georgia, in 2013, implementing a project focusing on gender equity.

Linus received his B.A. in history and international relations from National Taiwan University, and M.A. in sociology from National Tsing Hua University (Taiwan).

Mr. Lee has been placed at Smile Network International in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**LI RONG**  
**MINI SHADOWPLAY FESTIVAL**



Ms. Li Rong, aka Raffia, is a social innovator, poet, and independent artist in shadow theatre. She has run a community based art festival, the Mini Shadowplay Festival, since 2015. Two main focuses of the projects are gender equality and deaf community empowerment. She is a pioneer in applying art, especially shadow theatre and shadow puppetry, to community building. There are constants to her diverse projects: the imagination and exploration of boundaries, and public participation.

Ms. Li's working spaces are not limited to art museums or theatres, but range from hutongs (traditional Beijing alleys) to public squares. In recent years, her main focus is community engagement through art. She is currently working with the deaf community, using shadow theatre to empower the group, raising awareness of Chinese Sign Language and making their voices truly heard.

Ms. Li has been placed at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

**LI SAI**  
**QIXING FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



Ms. Li Sai is the secretary-general of the Qixing Foundation for Youth Development, with five years of professional experience in both the for-profit and nonprofit sector. Currently, Ms. Li leads the foundation to promote civic engagement and service learning among children and youth in China. Previously, she worked with ethnic minority groups in Southwest China to deliver quality early childhood and development services. Prior to joining the non-profit sector, Ms. Li was the deputy digital communication director of a German media firm.

Li Sai also brought her expertise to Africa and Asia, where she worked with a grass-roots organization in Kenya to develop income-generating activities for slum residents and promote entrepreneurship. As a facilitator, Ms. Li mentored entrepreneurial-minded youth during a two-week train journey around India of discovery and transformation. Li Sai is particularly interested in community building and social entrepreneurship and she enjoys leveraging creativity and innovation to create long-lasting and positive social change.

Ms. Li has been placed at the National Youth Leadership Council in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**LI SIN LAM**  
**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HONG KONG**



Ms. Li Sinlam graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a bachelor's of social sciences degree in 2010. Since completing two years of social policy research at local universities, she has worked at three human rights-based non-governmental organisations, including the China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group (CHRLCG) (2012-2016), Hong Kong Unison (2017-2018), and currently Amnesty International Hong Kong. She has been involved mainly in capacity building, research, and community education projects, covering a wide range of issues from human rights in China and Hong Kong as well as ethnic minority rights.

As a senior education officer at Amnesty International Hong Kong, she develops human rights education strategies, and delivers community human rights education projects such as the Human Rights Documentary Film Festival, human rights walking tours and *Human Rights* magazine.

Ms. Li has been placed at Freedom House in Washington, D.C.

**PENG LI-YEN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANTS CORPORATION**



Mr. Peng Li-Yen is a specialist at the Taiwan Environmental Protection Administration (Taiwan EPA) air quality think tank. He received his master's degree in bioenvironmental systems engineering from National Taiwan University. Although he studied science and engineering, he is enthusiastic about communicating with the general public and about popular science. As a result, he and his friends founded the Forward Learning Group and New Youth Association. They try to deliver knowledge and promote discussion of environmental protection among ordinary people. To advocate the importance of air pollution, he also wrote a book about indoor air quality and writes on-line articles about environmental issues.

Mr. Peng works on air pollution control issues, and has been involved in many projects over the past few years such as the "Project on Southeast Asia Communication on Environmental Issues" and "Modification of Ambient Air Quality Standards in Taiwan." Mr. Peng has been placed at Clean Air Partners in Washington, D.C.

**SANMU CAOJI**  
**SHANGRI-LA GYALTHANG CULTURE CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE ACADEMY**

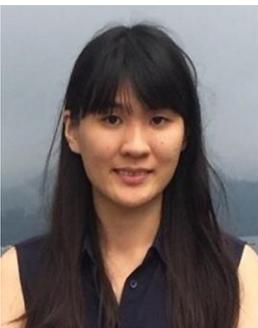


Ms. Sanmu Caoji, Samtso in Tibetan, is the founder and director of the Shangri-la Gyalthang Culture Conservation and Heritage Academy (Gyalthang Academy). She has over 12 years of experience working in women's health, nutrition, food for children, and community development in Tibetan areas in China.

Ms. Samtso received her bachelor's degree in Tibetan and English languages from Qinghai Teachers University and her master's degree in human resource management and development from Miriam College in Quezon City, the Philippines.

Ms. Samtso has been placed at Feeding America Southwest Virginia Community Solutions Center in Roanoke, Virginia.

**WU CHENG-CHENG**  
**GREEN CITIZENS' ACTION ALLIANCE**



Ms. Wu Cheng-Cheng majored in political science and sociology at National Taiwan University. After receiving her master's degree in sociology in 2015, she joined the Green Citizens' Action Alliance (GCAA), becoming a researcher/coordinator in the energy transition campaign, working on both the national and local level. For the past four years, they organized several campaigns against coal-fired power plant construction, pro-nuclear referendum, and other related issues. Anti-nuclear, climate justice, and energy transition are the main issues for which she is responsible. She has brought together more than 20 NGOs and community colleges in Taiwan to form a coalition to promote a transition to renewable energy to local governments. With this coalition, she has gained much experience cooperating and negotiating with different stakeholders.

Under pressure from civil society, the Taiwanese government announced an energy goal to reduce both nuclear power and coal-fired power by 2025; at the same time, Taiwan has the chance to be the very first role model for nuclear-free and reduced coal-fired power. Still, while facing conservatives from different countries trying to convince Taiwan to use traditional energy, their campaign has been struggling recently. In her work, she is devising an alternative plan that is strong and convincing enough to replace coal-fired power and nuclear power.

Learning how to advocate energy democracy and empower local communities to participate is a crucial task for her.

Ms. Wu has been placed at the Asian Pacific Environmental Network in Oakland, California.

**ZHOU CAIXIU**  
**SAVE THE CHILDREN**



Ms. Zhou Caixiu was born in a small village in Changsha, Hunan province, south central China. She received her bachelor's degree through self-study, and then obtained her master's degree from Central South University in 2012. She worked for over four years in the development area in Tibet and Yunnan province, and then travelled and volunteered around Asia, Europe and Africa. She now works for Save the Children International as a senior project officer.

In her spare time, she is passionate about climbing, hiking and bird watching. She also enjoys making things with her hands. She has a jewelry studio, sometimes making jewelry for herself and her friends. She loves traveling, but has never been to the United States before, so she is very excited to meet everybody, and visit and learn in the U.S soon!

Ms. Zhou has been placed at Youthprise in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**ZHOU HAIBIN**  
**BEIJING EASY INCLUSION CONSULTING**



Mr. Zhou Haibin is the founder and executive director of Easy Inclusion, coordinator of the International Labor Organization (ILO) Global Business and Disability Network China chapter, chief supervisor of Inclusion China, and a board member of Beijing Baixingyizhong Legal Service Centre for Persons with Disabilities. From 2012 to 2016, he worked for the ILO in China and Mongolia as national programme coordinator, coordinating the UN Partnership on Rights for Persons with Disabilities in China and the ILO Global Business and Disability Network in China.

Before joining the ILO, he worked at the *Wuhan Evening News* as a reporter from 2008 to 2011, reporting on news of the Hubei Province and Wuhan City governments and Communist Party Committees, and the National People's Congress.

Mr. Zhou received a master's degree in human rights and democratization from the University of Sydney (Australia), and a master's degree in international law from the Institute of International Law at Wuhan University. He also received a graduate certificate in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing.

Mr. Zhou has been placed at the American Association of People with Disabilities in Washington, D.C.



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