



China National Institute for Education Research (CNIER) is the research arm for the Central Government's Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. The CNIER is tasked education reform and development. Through their rigorous investigation and testing of academic methodologies the CNIER ensured that China remains a world leader in education. Catherine Davis and the Allegravita team was hired by CNIER to develop and pilot English language curriculum, teacher training, and assist with internal education research.

Curriculum development, training and research.

OUR PLAN:

In 2006, Catherine Davis and team was engaged by CNIER to develop and pilot a national Kindergarten-to-8th-Grade ("K-8") English-language curriculum based on innovative collaborative learning approaches. In conjunction with the English curriculum, we developed a teacher training curriculum focusing on collaborative and communicative methodologies.

IMPLEMENTATION:

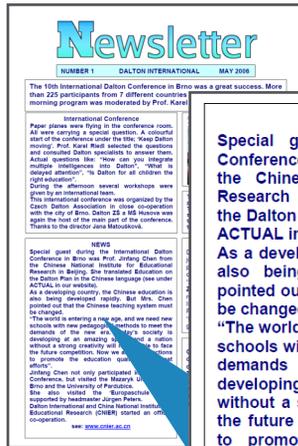
The programs were piloted in tier one and tier two cities throughout China in the lead-up to the 2008 Olympic Games. In addition to the curriculum development and training, Catherine assisted CNIER in publishing research findings, establishing international partnerships, and well as speaking at CNIER and Ministry of Education symposia.

Additionally, Catherine and her team assisted with text book content development and selection and created a teacher implementation manual to assist in the application of innovation methodologies.

RESULTS:

The revised curriculum introduced different methods and techniques for language instruction. As the program grew in scale, Catherine and her team trained government officials, school administrators, and select teachers in presenting methodologies and in use of the implementation manual to supplement current materials. Key schools in practically every province of China were trained by Catherine and the Allegravita team with CNIER leaders.

As part of our work with CNIER, we assisted in developing the partnership between the famous Dalton International program and in the preparation of published research on all our work.



NEWS
Special guest during the International Dalton Conference in Brno was Prof. Jinfang Chen from the Chinese National Institute for Educational Research in Beijing. She translated Education on the Dalton Plan in the Chinese language (see under ACTUAL in our website).

As a developing country, the Chinese education is also being developed rapidly. But Mrs. Chen pointed out that the Chinese teaching system must be changed.

"The world is entering a new age, and we need new schools with new pedagogical methods to meet the demands of the new era. Today's society is developing at an amazing speed, and a nation without a strong creativity will not be able to face the future competition. Now we are taking actions to promote the education quality with great efforts".

Jinfang Chen not only participated in the Dalton Conference, but visited the Mazaryk University in Brno and the University of Pardubice. She also visited the 'Europaschule Wien' supported by headmaster Jürgen Peters.

Dalton International and China National Institute for Educational Research (CNIER) started an official co-operation.

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