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NCHR MA-Stipend to Thesis on human rights and environmental protection
Kathinka Furst from SUM has been awarded one of the NCHR China Programme’s MA-stipends. She will write her thesis on human rights approaches to environmental protection in China. New scholarships will be announced in the beginning of 2008 on:
http://www.humanrights.uio.no/english/research/programmes/china/About/opportunities.html

China Law Society delegation visits NCHR, 23-25 June
A delegation from China Law Society visited Europe for the first time and met with the NCHR and China Programme leadership. The delegation was led by Mr. Liu Fahe, Vice-President of China Law Society. The NCHR China programme also arranged for the delegation to visit the Supreme Court of Norway.

Professor Borge Bakken from Hong Kong University (HKU), visiting scholar at NCHR
Dr. Børge Bakken from HKU visited the China Programme in August. Professor Bakken is an expert on crime and penalty in China. 15 August Professor Bakken held the open lecture: Violence and Punishment in China. A Scenario at the NCHR. While in Oslo he also briefed the Norwegian members of the Sino-Norwegian Human Rights Dialogue.

2 week human rights training course at Peking University, 5-17 August
The NCHR China Programme, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI), the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) and the Human Rights Centre at Peking University organised the seventh Nordic 2-week advanced training course on international human rights law for human rights law teachers. 25 participants from more than 20 different universities in China participated.

The NCHR China programme marks it 10 year anniversary in Beijing
On 4th September the China Programme marked its 10th anniversary at the Dong Yuan Theatre in Beijing. More than 130 representatives from cooperating Chinese and international institutions attended the reception. The same evening the Programme launched a new booklet presenting its academic cooperation with China within the field of human rights for the period 1997-2007. Anniversary pictures and booklet can be found here: http://www.humanrights.uio.no/research/china_anniversary/

Chairman of the NCHR Board, Prof. Hans Petter Graver visited China, 3-7 September
Connected to the anniversary reception in Beijing, the NCHR China Programme invited Prof. Hans Petter Graver to Beijing. Together with the NCHR China Programme he met with varouis academic institutions and organisation such as the NGO Domestic Violence Network, the CASS Institute of Law, the China University of Political Science and Law etc. The NCHR Delegation also met with The China Law Society and the new President of the China Society for Human Rights, Luo Haocai who is also Vice chairman of the 10th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

2 week Human rights training course in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, 10-21 September
The NCHR China Programme and the University of Inner Mongolia co-organised the third 2-week advanced training course on international human rights law for human rights law teachers in west China. 25 participants from more than 20 different universities in the west of China participated, among them representatives from Tibet and Xinjiang. At the training course, minority experts from the NCHR Autonomy Law Programme were some of the international experts brought in to lecture.

Briefing for Norwegian Parliament delegation visiting China, Beijing 26 September
In September The Standing Committee on Local Government and Public Administration visited China. As part of a ½ day seminar arranged in Beijing, Director of the China Programme, Ms. Cecilie Figenschou Bakke and senior consultant Otto Malmgren briefed the delegation on the HR situation in China and on ongoing legal reforms in China.
NCHR researcher Bard Anders Andreassen visited China, 24-30 September
Connected to the 2 day seminar on multi-disciplinary human rights research methods in Beijing 29-30 September, the NCHR China Programme invited Associate professor Bard Anders Andreassen to Beijing. Dr. Andreassen is a member of the Human Rights and Extreme Poverty Network (HUREP). Together with the NCHR China Programme he met with various academic scholars and organisation working on poverty issues such as UNDP, CASS and China Poverty Reduction Centre.

2 day seminar on multi-disciplinary human rights research methods, Beijing 29-30 September
A large seminar focusing on how the different academic disciplines can add to and compliment human rights research and thus on how multi-disciplinarity can be reached in practice was held in Wofusi outside of Beijing on 29-30 September. The seminar was a cooperation project between the NCHR China programme, the RWI and the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL).

Lecture on Chinese Rural Governance, 25 September
The China Programme in cooperation with the Network for Asia Studies arranged an open lecture on Chinese Rural Governance: the Strange Persistence of Mass Mobilization with Graeme Smith, a Sociologist from Australian National University.

New Webpages
The China programme have launched new and improved webpages that are regularly updated. Please visit us on: http://www.humanrights.uio.no/english/research/programmes/china/