

Laboratory Nourishing Systems Durable

At the time of the second biennial of the China-Europe Forum, the participants of the WT35 workshop had been invited to think over the questions of the procedures and food-processing lasting systems and about the means of joining the different people in charge of these procedures, numerous and heterogeneous, around a table to improve the permanence of these procedures. These rich exchanges have given us time to elaborate and/or reinforce joint paths of work.



In this way from April 06 to April 14 2008, in Shandong's province, the Institute of Rural Development of the Academy of the social Sciences of China, Sustainable Food Laboratory, the Risteco and the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation organized a laboratory on the Nourishing Lasting Systems (SAD), consisting of 45 people (24 Chinese and 21 Westerners), of which 7 participants were from the WT35 workshop.

The first aim of this forum was to bring together representatives, Chinese and Westerners, from three related sectors (administration, companies, civil society). This is in order to highlight the visions and to allow the creation of trust elements necessary to establish a proper dialogue, leading to an eventual project commencement. From a methodological perspective, this meeting also represented a way of submitting a test U-process: a method destined to highlight the ideas and thoughts of others, both tangible and non-tangible. This requires the meetings to be scheduled in three stages:



- A time to view, observe and principally to make visits to the area
- A time of reflection to put in perspective the lived experiences and application into our personal and collective determination.
- A time to share and include the experiences of others, to contemplate the elaboration of the works that it is necessary to put in execution jointly.

To achieve this, the first five days of the forum were dedicated to the visit of base sites in the cities of Zhucheng, Anqiu, Shouguang and Changlu. Then, the time of return was marked with a one-day trip to Mount Taishan. The majority of the participants walked up to the summit from the top of which each one was immersed in the Confucian culture set in the rivers and mountains. The highlight of the day was being allowed to have the time to share our findings: a cosy moment that lead to dinner being delayed. Finally, the time of the debates, of the presentation and discussion of the ideas preceded the propositions and intent of cooperation between the people in charge.

This meeting was rich in intellect: it was the occasion for a sincere discussion of the visions, of the exhibition of differences in the concept definitions of nourishing lasting system, and proof obtained for the method. The Chinese friends have, on the other hand, a desire to repeat this and apply it in further forums.

And it will have other results! Collaboration projects have been discussed for more precise subject matters. In this way, a day to learn about catering will be held in March, 2009 in Italy and in France. A new forum about "the nourishment, management of water and of natural resources" will be organized in Ningxia, in July, 2009. And other meetings are being held to actively prepare for the third biennial show of the China-Europe Forum.