

## RETROSPECT & PROSPECT OF HOME ECONOMICS IN CHINA

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Home Economics in China seemed to be passed on historically by confined mother to daughter along with the traditional family moral principles. Home Economics discipline started in some missionary colleges in the 20's of 20th century and ended in the early 50's when those schools were closed down at that time.

With the country's economy has developed swiftly since the 80's, Home Economics is reviving gradually in coastal provinces. Sparetime education in home economics has been reestablished in a few colleges ; Networking of home economics at home and with IFHE has preliminarily established in the 90's.

The task in developing Home Economics in China from now to the coming era will probably concerns:

- Promoting the establishment of up to date Home Economics identifying with Chinese cultures and need ;
- Reestablishing home economics discipline in colleges and furthering sparetime home economics education, and cultivating job market for home economics professionals as well ;
- Extending home economics education and service to both urban and farm areas to accelerate the community development, and optimizing people's living conditions ;
- Establishing the National Association of Home Economics when it is possible ;
- Integrating and networking with home economists and home economics related professionals at home and abroad to share the general trend and resources of development of home economics.

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