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Push Forward to Beijing Action of Chinese Characteristic Humanitarian Assistance by Mr. ZHANG Lijun of Red Cross Society of China Beijing Branch, on behalf of Beijing NGO Association for International Exchanges

For three decades, Beijing Red Cross (BJRC) has implemented the "Declaration on the Right to Development" and made important contributions to improve the human rights situation in China.

Beijing Action

In the past 5 years, BJRC facilitated emergency rescue training for a total of 596.96 million citizens; organized 70,000 young volunteers to serve for the Beijing Olympic Games and other major events. Its social assistance programs exposed more than 50,000 families to the fruits of development and reform of the country. A course of Exploring Humanitarian Law has been opened in 52 schools and 19 colleges and universities.

Its "AIDS Peer Education" program is to help AIDS patients to re-establish faith in life. Its hematopoietic stem cell donation project has benefited 260 leukaemia patients all over the world, including 10 from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions. It is part of the joint program of One Minute Response together with public security departments to deal with unconventional crisis and joined emergency disposal missions more than 3,000 times. We provide 24-hour medical service for 95% of the persons in custody, and have maintained a record of zero death case.

BJRC initiatives:

- With combined international efforts, to develop Innovative ideas to promote the role and the advantages of youth to the full play in improvement of rescue capabilities and effectiveness;
 - To build up the active participation and innovative practice of the humanitarian organizations in international crisis management.
 - To focus more on integration of humanitarian resources, and build on collaborative and interactive international humanitarian system.
 - To expand the dissemination of solidarity among youth humanitarian efforts to promote tolerance and openness.
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