



Dr. Yuan Gao's profile

Dr Gao is an independent consultant, well known adolescent peer education expert/trainer, policy advocator, and specialist of infectious disease prevention & control, particularly in HIV/AIDS area. He has won a number of awards, including the First Prize of Education Achievement Award by Shanghai Educational Commission of Shanghai Municipal Government, a Certificate of Honour awarded by UNICEF China Office, and the Vice-Chancellor Fellowship of the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Gao had senior positions with a number of international organisations, which include Programme/Health Specialist with United Nations Office for Project Services, Senior Advisor with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's China Office, the foundation Country Director for USAID's Policy Project in China, Senior Research Fellow (the Vice-Chancellor's Fellow) with the University of Melbourne. The Australian-Chinese joint peer education program that he directed reached over 100,000 young people and covered eight cities/provinces in China, including Beijing and Shanghai. On behalf of the University of Melbourne and the Royal Womens' Hospital, he collaborated with a number of prominent Chinese organisations, such as the Ministry of Health, Peking University, Shanghai Second Medical University, Sichuan, University, Provincial Health Bureaus, and Red Cross and so on, for the program.

Dr Gao started life as a bare-foot doctor in the countryside, Guizhou province, China, in mid 1970s. He obtained his PhD in Reproductive Physiology from Monash University, Australia, in 1992, and finished his post-doctoral research in the following year. In addition, he obtained a post-graduate diploma on Project Management, a one year course offered by Peking University & University of Management and Technology (USA) (2004).

Dr. Gao, with his colleagues or by himself, has published over 30 papers in peer-reviewed academic journals. He has published one book as Editor/Writer and 3 chapters in another 2 books.

Dr Gao and his wife have developed unique methods of ASD intervention. Their son, Michael, of 12 year-old with ASD, who has been trained by them with their own methods, is now a year-six student, without any assistance, studying happily in a ordinary primary school in Beijing, China. In his spare time, Michael enjoys Peking Opera singing and music composition. He has won a number of prizes including first prizes in Peking Opera and music competitions.