CAPACITY BUILDING IN CHINA: BORDER MANAGEMENT

Rising affluence and the opening up of China’s economy has led to more Chinese people travelling overseas than any other moment in history. The numbers of foreigners living in China are also increasing. International Organization for Migration (IOM)’s ‘Capacity Building for Migration Management (CBMM) in China Project’ is a partnership with China designed to address migration management issues including how to combat irregular migration, migrant smuggling and human trafficking. Co-implemented by IOM and the International Labour Organization (ILO), the CBMM project (2007-2010) has reached nearly 400 senior public officials and nearly 1.5 million potential migrants.

SHARING BEST PRACTICES

As China is rapidly developing its institutional and financial capacity, IOM adopted a strategic approach by sharing international best practice and working with partner ministries to identify policy gaps. It has hosted trainings, study tours and staff exchanges for relevant public officials covering border management models, travel document inspection, biometrics, migration law and administration, victims of trafficking identification and asylum procedures.

POLICY & GUIDANCE DEVELOPMENT

In close cooperation with European Union (EU) Member States, IOM has assisted China to address identified policy gaps by providing technical advice on:

• development of standardized document examination procedures used by frontline immigration authorities;
• new immigration laws;
• development of China’s new e-passport;
• secure document issuance processes;
• legislation reform necessary to meet international legal standards on migration, smuggling and trafficking.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

IOM has made various publications on border management available for the first time. The Chinese translations of internationally recognized training manuals on global best practice will serve as a resource for public officials now and in the future. IOM has adapted, translated and distributed:

• 100 sets of IOM’s three volume manual Essentials of Migration Management;
• 100 copies of The IOM Handbook on Direct Assistance to Victims of Trafficking;
• 700 copies of IOM’s Passport Examination Procedure Manual;
• 10 copies of IOM’s Documents: The Developer’s Toolkit.

EU officials meet with Chinese officials at Beijing Capital International Airport (IOM, 2009)
Chinese immigration officials examine travel documents during an IOM training (IOM, 2009)

Chinese officials exchange information with German Federal Police (IOM, 2009)

FACTS AND FIGURES AT A GLANCE

WORKING WITH CHINA’S DECISION MAKERS

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SKILLS, INFORMATION AND STAFF EXCHANGE

BUILDING CAPACITY

“We feel like the CBMM Project has been a success that we have benefited from through close coordination and active participation in activities. As a result, China and the EU have increased cooperation and learnt much about each other’s migration management systems.”

– Mr. L.V. Ming, Deputy Director, Ministry of Public Security, Bureau of Entry and Exit Administration

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