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The Summary of Green Camel Bell 2005 Projects

The Green Camel Bell (GCB) is the only voluntary environmental organization that was established on Nov. 4th, 2004. It is based on organizations for environmental protection in local universities and colleges in Gansu province. Its goal is to establish voluntary environmental organization in Gansu and surrounding areas such as Ningxia, Qinghai, etc. and to contribute to improve the increasingly destroyed ecological environment.

Ever since establishment GCB has acted positively on ecological environmental protection, environmental education and local students' consortiums according to its constitution, purpose and goal. This is the summary of the GCB's work as follow:

1. The Structure of The Organization

(1) Office

Subsidized by the Global Greengrants Fund (GGF), on March 7th, 2005, GCB rented a 60 square meters apartment as its office. It locates at No.323-1808,NanBinHeDong Rd.,DaJiaoLiang, Chengguan District, Lanzhou. The rent is 500yuan per month. And the intermediary charged 500yuan onetime and the period for rent will last for one year.

The environment of the office is pretty good. It locates on the 18th floor near the Yellow River, which can be overlooked from the balcony of the office. The office is also surrounded by several scenic spots and organizations such as Waterwheel Park, Zhongli Bridge, Sports Park, Yantan Park, Readers Magazine Press, Lanzhou Library, etc. The traffic condition is convenient, for the railway station, Lanzhou University, Downtown Square, Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau, Gansu Forestry Bureau are within 4 km around GCB office and they can be reached by bus. So far, GCB office has gradually settled its location for Lanzhou Environmental Books & Films Information Center and Environmental Exchanging Center.

As an exchanging center for youths on Gansu environment, the GCB office has held more than 20 GCB regular meetings, trainings and symposiums ever since March, 2005. Though there isn't much room in the office, environmental youths from different schools get together, talking about surrounding environmental problems intensely and sharing individual experiences.

Being the exchanging center, GCB office is also a window for outer organization, foundations and individuals to get acquainted with Gansu province. The GCB office has receipted Chen Yangwen, who is the director of environmental progress of Delta Electronics Foundation and vice-council Chairperson for The Society Of Wilderness in Taiwan; Zhang Hehe, Li Jian from Friend of Nature; Shen Xu from the Green Web; Rao Yong, Ge Yongxin from Green Camel; Mao Yunfei from Maqu Environmental Protection; Lai Yun from Green Peace; Elizabeth Willmott who is a local environmental policy officer from Seattle government; Wang Yongcheng who is the person in charge of Beijing Green Earth; Yu Xiaogang who is the director of Yunnan Green Watershed. And the GCB volunteers showed the views of Yellow River and the natural geography general picture of Lanzhou and Gansu to the guests, meanwhile they also introduced the GCB history, present conditions and aims for the future.

(2) Data Base about Environment

Data Base about Environment is supported and endowed by Beijing Earthview Environment Education and Research Center, Global Greengrants Fund(GGF), WCS, WWF, Friend of Nature, Root&Shoots, Green Student Forum and individuals. So far, it has owned nearly 200 environmental VCD, and 2000 books as well as magazines about environment. Within half a year, there have been more than 100 people including members from university environmental association, teachers and normal citizens borrowing and reading. When university environmental association recruit new members or hold environmental propagations, they also borrow material from Data Base about Environment.

(3) GCB Website

In Nov. 4th,2004, utilizing the convenience of internet, GCB opened its own website(<http://www.greencambell.ngo.cn>) supported by Institute for Environment and Development. It offered each Gansu environmental association an exchanging platform using internet and a window for gaining access to the outside world. Also it created an internet channel for society to know and see into GCB.

GCB website has been accepted by Google, Baidu and Sina. And Green Web, Green Student Environmental Action Network, Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau, Xinjiang Conservation Fund and even some foreign organizations have set up connections with GCB website. Now there are more than 300 registered members, from every field and occupation all over the country.

Meanwhile, GCB website has opened exchanging spaces for those students' associations which haven't set up their own websites.

2. Interchange about Environmental Protection

(1) the Green Camel Bell environmental education project

The environmental education project was one of the projects which were set up at the very beginning of the establishment of GCB and would be long-term enhanced and progressed. GCB environmental education project includes the construction of environmental education base in Lanzhou, investigation of environmental education and compilation of textbooks for rural areas.

Ever since founded, GCB has launched a series of environmental education in Minqin, Zhangye and Maqu which have badly been ruined into desert. Also, GCB established the first experimental environmental education base in a primary school in Chengguan District, Lanzhou. There GCB will develop long time and constant environmental education.

Meanwhile, GCB positively join in the compilation of environmental education books for rural regions. At present, directed by GCB, the "Gansu Desert Area Textbooks of Environmental Education for Rural Regions" is being under compilation intensively. The compilation work is well supported by China Environmental Culture Promotion Association, Minqin Education Bureau, Northwest Normal University Geography Environmental Science Departments and individuals. It is estimated that the compilation work will finish in Sep. 2006. While developing environmental education, GCB keeps in collaboration with Friend of Nature, Beijing Brooks Education Centre, Green Web and other environmental education NGO, GCB has ever sent out members to study and exchange with those organizations to bring good methods and valuable

experiences back to the west of China. In March, 2005, invited by GCB, Environmental Education Van Program of Friend of Nature came to Lanzhou to share environmental education experiences with GCB.

(2) GCB Newsletter

“GCB Newsletter” is published by GCB. It embodies the progress already launched, being launched and on the point of being launched. Also it summarizes the experiences, providing a channel for learning related knowledge and environmental problems to each Lanzhou association. Moreover, it offers a window for other environmental protection organization to learn about Gansu environmental problems, environmental NGOs in Gansu and student environmental protection association.

“GCB Newsletter” is orientated created, located environmental protection. The manuscripts are from GCB members, Gansu environmental people and officers from NGOs in Gansu. The content is about Gansu local environmental problems, concerning protection of wildlife and helping farm work.

The first issue of GCB Newsletter is published in Sep.2005, including introduction of GCB and its special activities, exhibition of Gansu environmental protection Association and articles reporting ecological protection and environmental problems in Gansu. The second issue is on the topic of Minqin, published in Oct,2005, including introduction, discussion, deliberation concerning Minqin desert problems by local environmental protection people in Minqin, students, members of GCB.

(3) exchange fruit for greeting cards

During the Christmas day of 2004, in order to reduce sending paper cards which would cause waste of forest resource, GCB initiated the activity, exchanging fruits with cards. This activity aimed to promote the environmental protection cognition of protecting trees and environment from every action we perform. The activity is responded by 8 colleges in Lanzhou and 600 teachers and students. Medias like Lanzhou Evening Paper and West Commercial Paper reported the activity.

(4) protection of the Mother River—to build a green homeland, green China for the coming Olympic

On 2nd Apr,2005, by the side of Yellow River hosted by the Center for Environmental Education and Communication of Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau, undertaken by GCB, 7 universities including Darwin Association(Lanzhou University), Environmental Protection Association(Northwest Normal University), Green Association(Lanzhou Polytechnical College) held the environmental protection activity to cooperate the “Beijing Green China for environmental protection public activity”.

During that activity, environmental protection volunteers in Gansu carried the “Green Olympic” spirit forward and enlarged the effect of “Environmental Protection Public Day”.

(5) “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” Policy University Students Forum

The policy of “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” university students

forum was hosted by GCB and Lanzhou University Community Development Center, undertaken by Environmental Protection Association of Northwest Normal University, and supported by Oxfam Hong Kong. It was held in Northwest Normal University on Oct. 15th, 2005. The forum aimed to promote the development of “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” calling for university students joining into the “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” and everybody contribute his own power into the “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland”.

The delegates are from university “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” investigation groups. It also invited Oxfam Hong Kong northwest program officer Dr. Ding Wenguang, Gansu Forest Bureau director Lian Xuebin, Prof. Shi Peiji who is the president of Northwest Normal University Geography & Environmental Science Department and the tutor of doctors, Liang Junquan who is the leader of Party of Northwest Normal University Geography and Environmental Science Department, Prof. Zhang Bo who is vice-president and tutor of doctors of Northwest Normal University Geography and Environmental Science Department, Shen Chongde who is the leader of Hexi University League, the represent of farmers of Gansu “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” project and the represent from Qinghai University. The topic of this forum is—The West of China and Our Future. Meanwhile we set up 3 subtopics which are:

- (A) The present condition of university students joining into “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” project and the problems at the time;
- (B) What role shall we play in the “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” project;
- (C) The orientation for us in the future.

(6) 2005 China environmental culture festival in Gansu

Hosted by the Center for Environmental Education and Communication of Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau, undertaken by GCB, 2005 China environmental culture festival in Gansu was held in Nov, 2005 in Lanzhou. The founder of China University Green Camp Mr. Tang Xiyang, who is also a famous environmental protection educator and environmental emissary from State Environmental Protection Administration of China, was invited to attend. During the culture festival, the forum “Green Gansu and the Youths” and lectures of “Green Culture and Humanity Care” were held. And “Listening and writing for one lecture” soliciting journals provided chances for the youth volunteers for environmental protection with a platform to exchange with government, experts, business and scholars.

3. The construction of students’ environmental protection activity in Gansu Province

(1) To push the establishment and improvement of local students’ environmental protection consortiums in Gansu.

GCB treated the environmental protection organization of the universities in Gansu as the fresh troops and served them activities. By far, GCB has contacted with seventeen consortiums from fourteen colleges in Lanzhou and Zhangye to set up constant cooperative relations with them.

In May, 2005 Lanzhou Resources & Environment Voc-tech College established the “Blue Dolphin” Environmental Protection Association formally with the support from

GCB. Being intended, the workers and volunteers of GCB went to Lanzhou University of Technology, Northwest Nationality University and Northwest Normal University frequently. There, they held different kinds of activities to interchange views, to have an informal discussion as well as to train the students. GCB held a speech in Wuquan Mountain Zoo of Lanzhou with the cooperation from Environmental Protection Association of Northwest Nationality University. Meanwhile it made an investigation to Saiga antelope cornu's market with Environmental Protection Association of Gansu Chinese Medical Science College. What's more, it also opened a forum about "Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland" project for undergraduates together with Environmental Protection Association of Northwest Normal University, carried out "return wild horses back to the wilderness" project with Darwin Association of Lanzhou University to. All these activities supplied a precious opportunity for the associations learning and training. Since one year ago, by the endeavor of both student consortiums and GCB, some consortiums have made great progress which developed very slowly and only had simple activity before. At the same time, the Green Team and Darwin Association of Lanzhou University which had excellent tradition improved too, with training the fresh man and continuing their special features.

(2) The place for exchanging information and sharing resources

GCB not only aid the stretch of local organization of conservation but also optimize their roles in exchanging messages. It opened a window, from where you can learn the environmental problems in Gansu, understand the local associations of environmental protection and benefit from others' advanced experiences. There you will get the latest developments of environmental protection and it also combined the limited books, resources, funds to make the largest sharing come true.

- (A) Taking part in the "Investigation of Current Situation of Environmental Protection NGOs in China" which was initiated by All-China Environment Federation and sponsored by China Youth Daily office center. By doing so, it will emerge the great development of environmental protection NGOs of Gansu and students' organizations to the departments both internal and abroad.
- (B) In the office of GCB, there was small scale of green salon, which invented some experts to give speech in order to urge the communication between college students and the environmental protection organization.
- (C) Inviting the lecturers of Nature Friend, the scholars of Lanzhou colleges and Red Cross in Gansu to nourish the volunteers.
- (D) Collecting and arranging the latest development and going projects of environmental protection. And then publishing through the web and emails as to promote the unity of different conservation groups and make the local consortiums' impressions on other NGO more profoundly.
- (E) Absorbing the good projects and experiences from other organizations. Sharing the information of Fund as Green Stone Fund, GreenSOS Fund and so on, to improve the development of students' groups.
- (F) Collecting the books and movies in order to benefit students learning and reading. Meanwhile, present the extra data to them.
- (G) GCB supplied the equipments for working such as office computers, DV sets

and so on to the students' consortiums for free.

4. The carrying on projects

(1) Green camp of college students' in Gansu

In July, 2005 GCB initiated the Gansu Green Camp which carried out an ecological inspection on the history culture along the Great Wall, the vicissitude of environment and the Maqu wetland. They called for people to concern about environmental protection and Mother River with their own practical action. There are 33 team members from 21 schools of 11 provinces attending this action in all. During the ten days' activity, the university volunteers went to the grass roots to acquaint with the situation of environment along the Great Wall as well as the situation of wetland conservation, asking modestly, learning detailed and getting plenty of investigative data and pictures.

From Oct to Dec, 2005 the public lecture and photo exhibition of Green Camp is being held in the colleges around Gansu province. What's more, the record CD and report document will be finished before the end of the year.

(2) The Speech about Wildlife in Wuquan Mountain Zoo of Lanzhou

This project was carried on by both GCB and Northwest Nationality University. Though the universal training about the acknowledges of wildlife to the college volunteers, GCB summoned them to be duty-bound tourist guides in holiday at the zoo who are expected to introduce the habit, born place, character of animals and publicize environmental protection and wild animals' conservation. Meanwhile, the volunteers should make efforts to the ministration of the zoo as to let them take good care of wildlife, to improve the survival conditions of those stayed in the zoo.

(3) The Way Home—Concerning on the wild horses returning project, to see the moment back home

The project was held by GCB together with Darwin Association of Lanzhou University. After the introduction of wild horse, they organized the activity of "see the horse back to wilderness" which lead to the common concentration on protection of wild horses and other wildlife. Though two times of following the tracks of wild horse to debate the practical sense possibility and capability of going-on of emitting and they assemble different strengths to make available suggestion, with the impact of this activity pushing the development of Gansu province even the whole western part environmental protection occupation and flapping people's enthusiasm of environmental protection.

(4) Investigation of the Radiation to the environment of Gansu and Education about Radiation

GCB cooperated with Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences to put this project into practice. Our goal is to investigate the radioactive pollution in Gansu, promote people's consciousness of radioactive pollution and shorten the distance among NGOs, research departments and common citizens. By all those above, it let people think highly of protecting western environment.

(5) Market Survey about Saiga antelope cornu

GCB, WCS, together with Gansu Chinese Medical Science College we held this project. Through the survey, we analyze the danger to Saiga antelope which comes from cornu's business. Discuss and exposure the originator of the illegal business and supply the solution. Meantime, GCB heightened the consciousness of public to protect this rare animal and persuade more men to join in the job.

5. Communication with other groups internal and abroad

With the purpose of improving GCB's own capability and enhancing the connection with other consortiums, GCB appointed 22 workers and volunteers to Beijing. Xi'an and other big cities attended the training lesson on NGOs. And they called at GGF, Xinjiang Conservation Fund, China Environmental Culture Promotion Association, Friend of Nature, WWF, Root&Shoots, China Green Student Forum, etc. At the same time, we received the members of WCS, Delta Electronics Foundation, Green Peace and so on. Through the communication and learning, GCB had got wider perception and better relationship with other groups. What's more, members' fields of vision were widely open, for they learned more acknowledges about construction organization and operating projects which were very useful for practicing. They also shared these knowledge with other companions and by doing this, the whole ability of GCB was greatly improved which lead to bigger development of environmental protection.

6. The Important Event of GCB

Nov.4th, 2004 GCB was founded formally and the website started running.

Nov, 2004 GCB received the video data and books about environmental conservation endowed by Beijing Earthview Environment Education and Research Center, GGF and other organizations.

Nov-Dec, 2004 GCB held Gansu environmental conservation flash, photograph compete and launch fruit-card campaign.

Dec, 2004 GCB took part in training about non-profitable organization marketing of network held by China NPO Network.

Dec, 2004 GCB visited Beijing offices of China Environmental Culture Promotion Association, WWF, Friend of Nature, Root&Shoots, China Green Student Forum, Xinjiang Conservation Fund, etc.

Dec, 2004 GGF provided GCB with a total fund of \$3100 for setting up an environmental resources center in Lanzhou.

Jan 1st, 2005 WCS China Program Kang Aili communicated with members of GCB.

Jan 21st, 2005 As one of 56 NGOs of environmental conservation, GCB supported State Environmental Protection Administration of China to be strict in executing environmental law.

Jan, 2005 GCB took part in training about leading ability held by China Association for NGO Cooperation.

Jan, 2005 GCB took part in International Forum on Environmental Public Policy & Sustainable Development Education in Universities organized by the Center for Environmental Education and Communication (CEEC) of SEPA and Beijing Normal University.

Jan& May, 2005 GCB went to Xiqu town, Minqin county, Gansu province to do the investigation of desert's problem and progress environmental education.

Feb, 2005 GCB took part in training about the methods for environmental protection which was held by China Association for NGO Cooperation.

March 16th, 2005 Chen Yangwen, who is the director of environmental progress of Delta Electronics Foundation and vice-council Chairperson for The Society Of Wilderness in Taiwan communicated with youths of environmental conservation in the office of GCB.

March 27th, 2005 GCB organized the volunteers to launch supermarket action of “refuse to buy the papers made in APP (Asia Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.), protect the forests in Yunnan province together”

March, 2005 The office of GCB was confirmed. It is at No.323-1808,NanBinHeDong Rd.,DaJiaoLiang, Chengguan District, Lanzhou.

March, 2005 Invited by GCB, Zhang Hehe, Li Jian from Friend of Nature and Shen Xu from Green Web came to Lanzhou and shared their experiences about environmental education with the members of environmental youths in Lanzhou.

Apr 2nd, 2005 GCB and the Center for Environmental Education and Communication of Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau together held “Beijing Green China for environmental protection public activity” on the Yellow River bridge of Lanzhou city.

Apr, 2005 GCB took part in training about written communicating of Western NGO held by China Development Brief.

Apr, 2005 Invited by GCB, Green Camel and Environmental Protection Bureau of Maqu Country came to Lanzhou to give the lecture about “Green camel and Ruoergai marsh” in Lanzhou colleges.

Jun 5th, 2005 Lai Yun from Green Peace visited the office of GCB.

Jul, 2005 Prof. Liu Naifa and Prof. Wei Huilan from Lanzhou University, Dr. Wu Chao from Northwest Normal University were invited to train the members of 2005 Green Camp of College Students' in Gansu about marsh and PRA

Jul, 2005 Invited by GCB, Red Cross of Gansu province launched first aid training. Through training and testing, nice members of GCB received the first aid certificates awarded by Red Cross of Gansu Province.

Jul, 2005 It was held successfully—2005 Green Camp of College Students' in Gansu. 53 members went to research on the spot along the Great Wall in Gansu and in Maqu marsh of Gansu province.

Jul, 2005 GCB took part in training about “raise money and exploit resources” held by China Association for NGO Cooperation.

Jul, 2005 GCB took part in the Second Forum for Regional NGOs of Student.

Aug, 2005 Elizabeth Willmott, the officer of government-zone environmental policy from Seattle, the US, had a conversation about “How NGO cooperated with the government” with the members of GCB.

Aug, 2005 GCB took part in the training camp of 2005 Green China and contemporary youth Summer Camp and the ninth time national university students' environmental conservation's communities. The program “Gansu Desert Area Textbooks of Environmental Education for Rural Regions” made by GCB got a small amount of fund—2000yuan, given by China Environmental Culture Promotion Association.

Sep 10th, 2005 Wang Yongchen from Beijing Green Earth and Yu Xiaogang from Yunnan Green Watershed visited the office of GCB.

Sep 11th, 2005 GCB took part in the performance of world first aid in Red in the East Square in Lanzhou.

Sep 22nd, 2005 Shao Lingxiu, the officer of Austria of UN, communicated with the member of GCB.

Sep, 2005 GCB took part in Friend of Nature flowing September-workplace for Environmental Education spread.

Sep, 2005 GCB took part in developing of NGO and social harmonious workshop hosted by Lanzhou University, held by Lanzhou University Community Developing Center, and GCB presided the discuss about the inside environment of NGOs in Gansu developing—advantage and disadvantage in the conference.

Oct 15th, 2005 The policy of “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” university students forum was successfully held, which is hosted by GCB and Lanzhou University Community Development Center, undertaken by Environmental Protection Association of Northwest Normal University, and supported by Oxfam Hong Kong.

Oct, 2005 GCB attended a seminar run by Beijing Brooks Education Centre. There they talked about “the compilation and usage of rural environmental teaching material”

Nov 5th, 2005 GCB joined a series of NGO activities launched by Lanzhou University Community Development Center.

Nov 2005 In answer to the invitation of Green Camel Bell, Tang Xiyang, the environmental emissary engaged by State Environmental Protection Administration of China, arrived in Lanzhou and gave a speech of “Green Culture and Humanity Care” to the college students.

Nov, 2005 Hosted by the Center for Environmental Education and Communication of Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau, undertaken by GCB, 2005 China environmental culture festival in Gansu was held in Lanzhou.

7. Appreciation

With the support and help from the environmental organizations and individuals, the GCB attained such prominent achievement. Here we will express our sincere gratitude to them.

Supporter

GGF--fund the construction of internal organization and capability

WCS China Program--fund the project of Minqin environmental education

Green Stone Fund--fund the project of Green Camel Bell's Newsletter

China Environmental Culture Promotion Association--fund the project of Gansu Desert Area Textbooks of Environmental Education for Rural Regions

Oxfam Hong Kong--fund the policy of “Conversion Cropland to Forest and Grassland” university students forum

Institute for Environment and Development--supply free website space and the instruction of technology.

Beijing Earthview Environment Education and Research Center--present movies and books to form GCB's center of environmental protection books and television

China NPO Network--present the training chance of non-profitable organization marketing of network

China Association for NGO Cooperation--present the training chance of the construction of grassroots NGOs capability

Friend of Nature--present the training chance of environmental education

China Development Brief--present the training chance of written communicating of Western NGO

Red Cross of Gansu province--offer the training chance of on-line first aid

Xi'an university students Green Camp--supply the chance of Second Forum for Regional NGOs of Student

Lanzhou University Community Developing Center--supply the chance of the seminar about developing of NGO and social harmonious workshop

Beijing Brooks Education Centre--supply the chance of the seminar about the compilation and usage of rural environmental teaching material

Gansu Environmental Protection Bureau, China Communist Youth League Gansu Committee, Gansu Forestry Bureau, Gansu Province Department of Health--constantly uphold and direct GCB

Associate magistrate of Maqu country, country party of Maqu country--help and support the activity of 2005 Green Camp of College Students' in Gansu

Lanzhou Greatplayer Outdoor Sports Club--present the free usage of camping equipment and the instruction of concerned technology.

The ChanYu interactive medium--design symbols for Green Camel Bell and 2005 Green Camp of College Students' in Gansu

Professor Liu Naifa and professor Wei Huilan of Lanzhou University, Dr Wu Chao in Northwest Normal University--training the students joining the activity of 2005 Green Camp of College Students' in Gansu

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