As the Amity Foundation becomes more widely known to friends within China and from overseas, we are increasingly asked to comment on the nature, purpose and perspective of our work. Amity was not conceived on the basis of a detailed theoretical framework, but rather theory and practice have developed together. The Amity Foundation has both a clear set of principles and objectives, and a sense of flexibility and openness to the possibility of new initiatives. This perspective makes possible the development of programs in relationship to the actual situation and concrete conditions of society. In this way, we seek to respond to the needs and aspirations of the Chinese people in the socialist modernization of China.

With this in mind, it may be said that there are at least two features of the Amity Foundation which distinguish it from cultural, educational and social service programs in China which originated elsewhere. First, the initiative for the Amity Foundation came from within China, not from overseas. The majority of Amity’s board members are prominent Protestant leaders from Nanjing, Shanghai and Beijing. In co-operation with other institutions, they have identified the needs and designed the programs of the Amity Foundation. Many international organizations have come to realize that the people of a given country are generally in the best position to assess the needs of their own society. Too, they are the ones who are most able to develop the goals and methods for change which are appropriate for their own situation. In the case of the Amity Foundation, this understanding provides a distinctive perspective for the co-ordination of programs and the development of relationships with other Chinese institutions.

A second distinctive feature of the Amity Foundation concerns the way in which co-operation between Christians and non-Christians is understood. We have continually stressed that Amity welcomes the possibility of Christians and non-Christians, including Christians and Communists, working together for the humanitarian welfare of all the Chinese people. Amity is proud to have people such as Kuang Yaming, former president of Nanjing University, and Fang Fei, former head of Jiangsu's Provincial Education Bureau, on its board, for we believe that Christians and non-Christians share a common ground in their political, cultural and social interests. We have received donations from both Christians and non-Christians, from within China as well as from overseas. Our programs also involve the participation of both Christians and non-Christians. This emphasis is reflected in all Amity projects, and in this way we hope that we can make a small contribution to health, education and international understanding.

Contributions to Health and Social Service Agencies

The Amity Foundation has made grants towards the support of the work at the following institutions:

- The Nanjing Children's Welfare Center
- The Drum Tower Hospital in Nanjing
- The Jiangsu Artificial Limbs Factory
- The Jiangsu Children's Foundation

Nutrition Project

Grants have gone towards the purchase of needed equipment and have helped establish the Nutrition Program at the Drum Tower Hospital.
Grants have also been approved for the following projects and institutions:—

The No. 2 Hospital of Zhejiang Medical University
The No. 2 Children’s Hospital of Nanjing
The Nanjing Children’s Mental Health Research Center
The Fujian Beef Cattle Project
The People’s Hospital Affiliated to Nanjing Medical College
Huaiyin Teachers College

Hospital Staff

All project requests are carefully reviewed by Amity consultants. We wish to thank our Chinese supporters as well as friends from overseas for their contributions to our ongoing projects. Further information on project opportunities in the area of health and social service may be obtained by writing either Ms. Tan Liying or Dr. Huang Yuanzhu in Nanjing.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ms. Tan Liying has joined the staff as Administrative Associate to the General Secretary. She comes to us from the Nanjing Forestry University, where she came to know of the work of the Foundation through her association with the Amity Teachers Project.

Amity’s Overseas Coordinator has also moved to a new location. The new address is:
2 Man Wan Road, 17-C, Kowloon.
Phone: (3) 7135271.
We hope that this more convenient location will afford more opportunities for visits from people passing through Hong Kong.

Earlier this year, the Amity Foundation moved to its new headquarters on the ground of Nanjing Theological Seminary. Our new building has ample space for offices and meeting rooms, and a room has been set aside to house the new Language Teaching Resource Center. We welcome you to visit us in our new location.

Progress continues on work towards the establishment of the Amity Printing Press in Nanjing. The buildings which will house the press are now under construction, and regular meetings are held with representatives of the United Bible Societies. We hope to report further details on the printing project in the next issue of our newsletter.
A book on childhood nutrition has recently been printed under the auspices of the Amity Foundation. Compiled by the Nanjing Institute for Children's Health, the 112 page booklet is used in connection with the program for training dietitians and nutritionists for local kindergartens and nursery schools. It is hoped that the book can also be used by parents who are interested in the proper health care of their children.

During the past few months we have had a steady stream of visitors at our headquarters in Nanjing, and they have expressed interest in different aspects of our work. The staff have met with people from Asia, Europe and North America, as well as from different parts of China. We welcome inquiries concerning new project initiatives, and correspondence should be addressed to Han Wenzao, Office of the General Secretary, in Nanjing. As our volume of work increases, we do ask for your patience if we seem to be rather slow in answering your letters of inquiry.

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Han Wenzao, General Secretary,
Philip Wickeri, Overseas Coordinator

**WORDS OF SUPPORT**

Let us work closely together in the Amity Printing Press, in order to make greater contributions to society, to education and to the four modernizations.

—Prof. Gui Hong,
President of Nanjing Normal University

We are excited about the new possibilities the Amity Foundation offers for Christians and others in China to work together. As needs are identified by the Amity Foundation we will try to seek appropriate resources and personnel.

—Rev. Rhea M. Whitehead,
Asia Secretary of the United Church of Canada

The initial developments of the Amity Foundation will convince many friends within and without the Christian fold, at home and abroad, that it can very well serve the development and welfare of a people that constitutes almost one fourth of humanity.

—Rev. Shen Yifan,
Senior Pastor of Shanghai Community Church

The Amity Teachers Project opens up a meaningful way for personal encounter, service and a contribution to the modernization of China in the true spirit of diaconia.

—Dr. Winfried Gluer,
Association of Churches in Southwest Germany

The Amity Foundation is playing an important role in making it possible for friends the world over to join efforts in the construction of a modernized China.

—Prot. Susan Zeng,
President of the Nanjing YMCA

The initiative of the Amity Foundation in establishing the Amity Printing Press, a press which will give priority to printing Bibles and New Testaments as well as other materials in accordance with the Foundation’s aims and purposes, is warmly appreciated. We pray for God’s blessing on this new and significant venture.

—Rev. Dr. Oswald C.J. Hoffmann,
President of the United Bible Societies
The **Amity Newsletter** is distributed free of charge and will be issued two or three times a year. If you would like to receive the newsletter, or if you desire further information on any of our projects, please feel free to write.

Funding for the work of the Amity Foundation will depend upon sources, both Chinese and foreign, religious and non-religious, individual and organizational. The Amity Foundation is not a church organization, and contributions will not go towards the work of evangelism and church building of Chinese Christians. Inquiries concerning the possibilities of new project initiatives are welcomed, as are contributions for the direct support of the Amity Foundation. Checks or bank drafts made payable to the Amity Foundation may be sent to the Nanjing Office.

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