Zhejiang Agricultural University to be Included in Project 211

A group of experts led by Professor Mao Daru, Chancellor of China Agricultural University, and Professor Shen Yungang (沈允鋼) (Deputy Leader) of the Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, has reviewed and verified that the feasibility report submitted by Professor Zhu Jun, Vice-Chancellor of Zhejiang Agricultural University (ZHAU), Zhejiang Province, is in accordance with the guidelines set up in the Overall Work Plan of Project 211 by the State Planning Committee and the Financial Department of the State Committee of Education. This report had been pre-approved by the authorities in charge of Project 211, a state project highlighting the growth of 100 Chinese universities in the 21st century, and was endorsed by experts during the project examination meeting because of their high opinion of the financial and academic capability of the university.

As a result of the above expert review, ZHAU will incorporate nine major academic disciplines in agriculture (including key national laboratories) into Project 211:
- Fundamental agriculture
- Horticulture
- Agricultural environment and resources
- Entomology
- Crop genetics and breeding
- Animal production
- Agricultural economics and management
- Food science
- Agricultural machinery and engineering

In December 1996, after pre-approval from the authorities of Project 211 had been given, ZHAU focused its efforts on developing the university as a multidisciplinary school with accredited facilities, significant faculty strength, adaptability to the rapid progress of modern science and technology, and with the ability to meet the demands of farmers residing along the south-eastern coast of China, in particular Zhejiang, by the year 2010. To achieve these goals, ZHAU will reshape its policies on educational reforms, discipline, personnel training and scientific research.

Research Institute of Neurology Set up by Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences

The Research Institute of Neurology, located within the Beijing Temple of Heaven Hospital, has recently been set up to undertake a number of research projects into areas such as the functions of the human brain, recognition theory in the Chinese language, and the prevention and treatment of cranial vascular diseases, senile dementia, and Parkinson’s disease.

The Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences declared the Research Institute of Neurology officially open on 18 July 1997. It is a national level research institute, restructured from the Beijing Research Institute of Neurology and Surgery, and now falls under the guidance of a committee comprising representatives from the Beijing Health Bureau and the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. The chairman of the committee is academician Ba Denian (巴德年), the Director of the Academy. The Director of the Beijing Research Institute of Neurology and Surgery Wang Zhongcheng (汪忠誠), and the Director of the Beijing Health Bureau, Zhu Zonghan (朱宗涵), both serve as Vice-Chairmen.

The Beijing Institute of Neurology and Surgery itself had an impressive record. Since 1978, it had received 272 national and provincial awards, and three international awards. It had 15 research offices and a central nervous system operation center, which was identified as a key laboratory.

The Institute is allowed to use both the infrastructure and the information system of the Academy to help with its research. Support from the Academy will also be rendered in the application of research projects and research titles, and the Institute and the Academy will collaborate in the grooming of doctoral candidates, senior researchers, and doctoral supervisors for neurology and other disciplines.

The Beijing Temple of Heaven Hospital itself is famous for its neurosurgery. Besides the Institute, it also houses the Beijing Medical Image Center within its compounds. Each year, more than 4000 brain operations are performed within the hospital, the highest amount in any hospital in Asia, perhaps even the world.

The director of the Hospital is academician Wang Zhongcheng. Under his leadership, the hospital has become the first in China to perform brainstem surgery, the removal of tumors found in the spinal chord, the removal of aneurysma in the brain, and orthopedic surgery for deformed blood vessels in the brain.