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Plateau Perspectives registered in Canada

To our great delight, Plateau Perspectives is now registered with the Government of Canada. It is therefore now possible for us to issue tax deductible receipts to donors, and also easier for us to approach new potential corporate donors. Many thanks are due to our board of directors in Montreal for all their hard work.

Benefit concert held in Vancouver

The first donation received by Plateau Perspectives after registration in Canada came in the form of proceeds collected at a benefit concert held at Regent College in Vancouver. Alan Torrance, John Friesen and Jeremy Begbie entertained a large audience last July 2002 with a violin, cello and piano concert. These funds help enable Plateau Perspectives' work near the centre of the Tibetan Plateau.

Teacher training workshop a success

According to participants, the training workshop held in August 2002 was a success. More than 20 local teachers gained further experience in participatory teaching methods and environmental education. The government also was enthusiastic about the workshop and welcomes Plateau Perspectives to continue working in the area. With linkages between education, environment and health, we will continue to develop our partnerships in the area, in large part through the establishment of a new centre for conservation and development.



Integrated Conservation & Development in Qinghai: Environment, Education and Community Health

As we have already indicated in previous letters, much of our work is integrated. Long-term development (sustainable development) can only occur if natural resources are protected, and conservation work needs the support of local communities. Indigenous knowledge and science can be complementary. Local and international perspectives contribute different pieces to the jigsaw puzzle. And different types of work – health, environment, education, poverty alleviation and many other areas of work – can (and should) build on each other. It is this kind of work that we wish to pursue.

Several different projects have also been described in the past: a regional health needs assessment, support for local initiatives (e.g., tent schools), wildlife



surveys and other forms of assistance for biodiversity protection, etc. Most recently, we have also been asked to assist with an annual retraining of local village doctors.

Now, following discussions held over the past several years, it seems to be the right time for Plateau Perspectives to enter a new phase of work, one part of which appears to be to establish a 'centre' that will serve as a base for conducting training workshops as well as to facilitate project management. Such a centre could also be used for educational purposes and enable applied research in conservation and sustainable development.

Expertise and other forms of assistance needed

As always, we are very grateful for your support – in whatever form that it may come. Some of our most exciting work ideas stem from an interaction with a large network of people all around the world. So please feel free to contact us and be a part of this growing team!

Also, if you would like to make a donation to Plateau Perspectives, or if you would like to suggest a potential funder that we should contact (e.g., private business, philanthropic organization, grant, etc.), please do not hesitate to contact us.

