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EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE: REHABILITATION WORK

PP has signed an initial 2 year agreement to equip and train staff to run rehabilitation centres, providing services for two townships and two counties in the Yushu Area.

Work has already begun before the construction of the centres, providing occupational therapy, physiotherapy and medical assessments with the provision of wheel chairs and other aids.

With the provision of such a service, many people with a long history of disability are now coming for help as well as those more recently injured. People requiring surgery are referred to the Red Cross Hospital in the provincial capital where there are expatriate doctors able to provide care for them. Some children have been referred to a special centre in Xining for a programme of care for their disability.

So far over 200 people have been assisted with wheelchairs and many others with other aids for daily living,



LIVELIHOOD RECOVERY

Three days before the earthquake, PP met with local "social entrepreneurs" to discuss the creation of a *Yushu Ecotourism Network*; and the clear and tangible benefits for local communities and the environment that could arise from ecotourism.

Two weeks after the earthquake devastated the region, the government announced plans to rebuild Yushu into an 'ecological' destination. Last year we began to lay the groundwork, with meetings involving local communities, tourism bureaus, the party

and other government stakeholders to take this forward. Several herding communities are now preparing themselves to try and design real community tourism with a sharing of benefit amongst the members and long-lasting environmental protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



SNOW LEOPARD RESEARCH

Plateau Perspectives is continuing to work with the Muqu nomad community to gather data and photographs of the snow leopard, to gain better understanding of numbers and distribution. A regional study with researchers from Peking University is now being undertaken as well – but the genuine involvement of local people is important for successful long-term conservation and development.

HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT

Three kinds of electric fencing systems have been trialed by Plateau Perspectives to reduce conflict with the brown bear. One of our modified solar-power fence systems is already being favored by the communities. The nature reserve is therefore now adopting this modified fence system for wider use in the area.

PLATEAU PERSPECTIVES CHINA OFFICE

REGISTRATION

With introduction of new regulations for registration of non-profit companies in China, Plateau Perspectives had a very thorough investigation... after which our representative office was renewed for another year.



SEMINAR SERIES

The May 2011 meeting was given at the Qinghai Normal University on the topic of *Relocation and Settlement of First Nations and Inuit People in Northern Canada*. Over 80 lecturers and students were in attendance.

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Many thanks are also extended to **Tim Foster** who recently relocated with his family back to the USA. Over the last year, he provided much valuable input into the snow leopard conservation program, by modifying the specialized camera traps with solar charging capability. He also contributed to the electric fencing systems, which are now helping to reduce conflict between herders and brown bears.

