

Study on Application Difficulties, and Coping Strategies of Youth Groupings of Overseas Chinese through Generation Inheritance Perspective (1980-2012) : A Case Study of Los Angeles County in United State

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“Grouping of overseas Chinese” is the community organized by expatriates in host country based on their interests, beliefs, geo-relations, or blood-relations. The main purpose of the groups is to fulfill individual interest or accomplish group’s ideal. Besides, it also could build up good relations for expatriates and give them much attention.

According to the statistics for 2012 from Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, there are 5,233 overseas Chinese communities around the world in total, groups in United States accounts for up to 53.6 percent of all groupings. However, as immigration social structure and the adjustment of policy change community of overseas Chinese changes, generation inheritance problem especially come into view. Therefore, the main object of this study is youth groupings of overseas Chinese in Los Angeles County. And the purpose of this study is to research the following points:

1. To understand the establishment and development of the youth groupings of overseas Chinese in Los Angeles County.
2. To get an insight view of the needs of generation inheritance from every type of groupings of overseas Chinese in Los Angeles County.
3. To discover the limitations and constraints for the development of the youth groupings of overseas Chinese in Los Angeles County.
4. According to the result, provides strategies for solutions for relevant organizations.

The author has interviewed five leaders of groupings of overseas Chinese in Los Angeles County, two experts, and also did a survey towards 122 youths of overseas Chinese in Los Angeles County. The author concluded the problems that those groupings face are as following:

1. Lack of methods to recruit new members.
2. Lack of motives for new members to extend or continue the period to stay in the groupings.
3. Lack of model for youth leader training.

Base upon the above statements, the author suggests that:

1. The coping strategies of overseas Chinese affairs agencies are to counseling and propagating related publicity to youth groupings, learn success experiences and help other groupings' operation, integrating resources to hold the whole overseas joint activities of youth organizations, design outreach activities to link volunteer youth culture camp, give assistance for youth of overseas Chinese to set up community and track the developments regularly.
2. The coping strategies of groupings of overseas Chinese are to break the language barrier, improve the content of activities, enhance the status of youths in the groupings and utilize network platform to convey resources and enhance contact.

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