

## **Outline of Oral Statement by CNIE**

As the biggest NGO umbrella organization in China involved in international exchanges, China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) has been watching closely the third-round UPR process.

- The past five years have witnessed an increase of China's NGOs by 49%. The number of legally registered NGOs in China amounts to 816,000 by the end of January 2019. Most of these NGOs are making remarkable contributions in different areas including poverty reduction, healthcare, education, environmental protection, human rights, and so on so forth.
- The Central government has issued a series of laws and regulations to support the development of NGOs. Meanwhile, NGOs are increasingly active in conducting international exchanges in an extensive way. They are also enthusiastic in applying for the UN ECOSOC Consultative status in order to get involved in UN affairs.
- Along with China's improvement of policy environment for overseas NGOs to carry out legitimate activities in China, more and more overseas NGOs have been registered with the authority. By the end of 2018, the registered overseas NGOs in China numbered over 440.

They come from different countries and regions, with the US, Hong Kong, Japan, ROC and Germany ranking the top five. Mainly engaged in economic cooperation and trade, poverty reduction, disaster relief, education, healthcare and environmental protection, these overseas NGOs have been helping with the economic and social development of China.