

# **Speech at the Meeting on Access for all: Supplying a New Decade for Reproductive Health**

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Distinguished Participants, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good Afternoon!

First of all, I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the convention of the meeting on Access for all: Supplying a New Decade for Reproductive Health. I believe the information and experience we are sharing in this meeting will have great effect on improvement of global RH commodity supplies.

Dear participants,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some information of contraceptive supplies in China. China is the most populous developing country in the world. Its total population in 2010 was about 1.37 billion, accounting for nearly 20% of the world population. Over the past 30 years, China has paid great attention to the supply of abundant, cost effective and safe RH commodities through various channels. Since 1970s, China has established a system of free contraceptives distribution, and that gradually become an effective unique public service program in China. Currently, the free supply contraceptives includes 4 categories and 31 specifications in variety, which could basically meet contraceptive needs for the people at reproductive age, and also have provided material guarantee to prevent and reduce unwanted pregnancies.

Nowadays, China is able to manufacture most of reproductive health

commodities. The safety and effectiveness have been improved by years. Among the 130 kinds of RH essential medicine list set by WHO, UNFPA and World Bank, China is able to manufacture 122 kinds. China has also established contraceptives adverse reaction surveillance center, which can conduct dynamic monitoring on quality and use of contraceptives.

China is making great efforts in promoting South-South cooperation in population and reproductive health. Though China is still a developing country, China has provided RH commodity and technical assistance to other developing countries. In the past ten years, China has donated USD 1.23 million-worth contraceptives to other developing countries. China provided a total of USD600,000-worth RH medical equipment to Kenya and Uganda in 2007, and another USD 300,000-worth RH medical equipment to Bangladesh this year. We are also donating some Sino-Implants for clinical trial use to Bangladesh, Kenya, Ethiopia and Pakistan. China has provided training on reproductive health and maternal and child health promotion to more than 300 government officials, programme managers and service providers from other developing countries. China has also sent RH and family planning experts to other developing countries to provide professional guidance in reproductive health.

Dear participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

All nations are interdependent in the modern world, it is more closely linked than ever to integrate interests of each nation and the common interests of all of humanity. We will honor our commitment to implement ICPD Programme of Action and MDG by ensuring RH commodity "access for all", and eventually contribute our share to the improvement of human reproductive health!

Thank you very much for your attention!