

## **Shanghai People`s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC)**

Shanghai People`s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC) aka Shanghai *Youxie*, is a non-governmental organization for people-to-people exchanges with foreign countries. It`s aim is to enhance friendship and understanding, and to promote economic, scientific, technological, cultural, educational and sports exchanges, and cooperation between the people of Shanghai and people of other countries and regions around the World and to maintain world peace.

Founded in 1956, SPAFFC has established extensive contacts with organizations, institutions and people both at home and abroad. Within SPAFFC, there are the following Divisions:

European-American Division; Asian Division; African and Latin American Division, Japanese Division and a General Office, with a pool of English, Japanese, French, German, and, Italian translators/interpreters, who have received professional training either in China, or, abroad.

SPAFFC`s main activities includes:

- Inviting, and, receiving goodwill missions, and friendly people from all over the World, to visit Shanghai, and other parts of PR China
- Organizing, and sending delegations, and people from all walks of life in Shanghai, on overseas visits, study, or friendly exchanges
- Sponsoring international, or bilateral cultural performances, exhibitions, conferences and gala parties, in Shanghai
- Promoting friendly cooperation with foreign organizations, institutions, and, personages, friendly towards PR China
- Providing information to, and, looking for cooperation partners for foreign institutions, enterprises, personages who intend to have economic, scientific, technological, cultural , educational and sports cooperation, with their counterparts in Shanghai
- Holding cultural, and, recreational activities, and, friendly gatherings for foreign friends, residing in Shanghai

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