

Briefings on the Overseas Chinese Education and the Inheritance of Chinese Culture

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The origin and development of Overseas Chinese Education in foreign countries is closely related to the inheritance of the Chinese culture of overseas Chinese and can't be separated from the survival and development of overseas Chinese in foreign countries. This article discusses the roles and impacts of overseas Chinese education from the angle of cultural inheritance, believing that overseas Chinese education is the education of Chinese language and culture with overseas Chinese as its main objects. Overseas Chinese education, in the narrow sense, refers to the education to the Chinese descents. While in the broad sense, it entails the education to the non-Chinese descents, aiming at becoming one the component elements of the education in the countries where overseas Chinese live. The education to the Chinese descents emphasizes on the inheritance of Chinese culture while the education to the non-Chinese descents emphasizes on the imparting of language. The inheritance of Chinese culture is the key of the overseas Chinese education. The tasks of overseas Chinese education include: 1) shaping the national culture quality of overseas Chinese youths; 2) spreading the Chinese culture and promoting the worldwide cultural and information exchanges; 3) maintaining the link between overseas Chinese and their original country; 4) advancing the friendship between the countries where overseas Chinese live and China. The Chinese culture is characteristic of isogenesis, tolerance, sharing and instructiveness. The inheritance of overseas Chinese education and the forward-carrying of the excellent Chinese national traditional culture is objective and inevitable and the overseas Chinese education has the function of inheriting and promoting the excellent Chinese national traditional culture. The article believes that the marriage of language education and Chinese culture education is the fine tradition of overseas Chinese education. The Overseas Chinese Community and overseas Chinese publications offer the schools for overseas Chinese their full support to carry out the overseas Chinese education and those schools for overseas Chinese are the main place where the overseas Chinese education is conducted as well as the important carrier of the inheritance of Chinese culture.