

2009/8/18 Jiujiang City Social Welfare Institution Interview Report

1. Background Information

1. **Institution Director:** Wang Qiangyong (王前勇; transferred from the Jiujiang Municipal Bureau of Civil Affairs)
2. **Assistant Directors:** Mr. Liu (Senior Citizen Department), Mr. Li (Health and Wellness Center)
3. **Head of the Children's Department / Amity Liaison:** Secretary Ms. Yu and Mr. Wu, who is in charge of children's unit
4. **Number of Children:** there are a total 103 children at the Institution (this number often fluctuates). Some are healthy, while others suffer from congenital heart disease, mental disability, cerebral palsy, and other conditions). The Institution sponsors 20 of these children for foster care.

2. Overall Impression:

The Jiujiang Social Welfare Institution got a new director in March of this year. The current Institution Director, Wang Qianyong, was transferred from the Jiujiang Municipal Bureau of Civil Affairs to take over former Director Cao's duties. Former Director Cao no longer works at the Institution; he is now overseeing the preparations for a new orphanage.

Director Wang has been at his post for five months now. He has been put in charge of all of the Children's Department, the day-to-day work is still handled by Secretary Yu and Mr. Wu, Head of the Children's Department. Director Wang is already familiar with the workings of the Children's Department and has some knowledge of Amity's work. He is quite thankful for Amity's years of financial aid and hopes that we will be able to help in the future should the Institution run into any difficulties.

3. Interviews :

We met and interviewed the 5 children whom we sponsor for school, and 4 Amity Grandmas. We could not meet with 2 other Amity Grandmas because they were caring for several children from the Institution who had been hospitalized. However, we have recorded their work duties and the Institution has provided us with their photographs. Individual reports on each child and each Hugging Granny will be sent to their sponsors.

4. Requests:

The work clothes for the Amity Grandmas are too thick for the hot summers in Jiujiang, and so last summer they could not wear their uniforms to work. They have put in a special request for summer work clothes for 6 people.