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Centers for Learning on Evaluation and Results



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Who we are?

The **CLEAR Center in East Asia** is hosted by the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI) / Shanghai National Accounting Institute.

Vision

to strengthen M&E capacity in **China** and the **Asia Pacific Region**

Mission

to establish an evaluation capacity building platform, and to serve as the evaluation knowledge supplier and practitioners' network in the region



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Before operating as CLEAR-EA, AFDI (then AFDC) had been committed to promoting capacity building on result-based monitoring and evaluation in Asia and Pacific region, mostly through the **Shanghai International Program for Development Evaluation Training (SHIPDET)**.

SHIPDET was launched by AFDI jointly with Ministry of Finance of China, World Bank and Asian Development Bank in 2007.



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- International & domestic as well as thematic evaluation courses targeting different groups of participants
- With participants mostly from governmental agencies responsible for International Financial Institution (IFI) loan programs, **SHIPDET domestic course** not only introduced the concept of evaluation (theory, tools, techniques, and applications), but also introduced the evaluation practice to China, with a special focus on the evaluation of international financial institution loan programs in China
- Such adoption of evaluation knowledge led to an adaption into national M&E systems.
- Experience learned from IFIs has **helped and accelerated the development of M&E in China**. It has also **set strong foundation** for the rapid progress of China's national evaluation system in the coming years.



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Based on the experience and success of SHIPDET, AFDI (then AFDC) was chosen as the East Asia Center for CLEAR in 2011. CLEAR-EA started operation in 2012.





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CLEAR EA has played an important role in the institutionalization of evaluation in China, by serving as an evaluation knowledge provider, and experience sharing platform.

International Training Programs

- focused on Performance Budgeting , Results-Based Public Sector Management
- participants both from China and Asia
- Promote evaluation knowledge dissemination and experience sharing
- Bridge the Chinese experience and international practice

Domestic Training Programs

- Organized by host institute-SNAI
- Focus on performance-based budget evaluation management in China
- Domestic participants- government officials & evaluation practitioners
- Also provide online course: open enrolment & low tuition fee & more flexibility

Consultancy & Research

- Provide consultancy services to government projects and public policy evaluation
- Research on evaluation, especially the international knowledge application to improve China's evaluation on public expenditures
- Consulting expert for national evaluation policies



► Institutionalization of evaluation in China

In recent years, China has witnessed exceptional progress in the national evaluation system, developing from pilot experiment and program evaluation to institutionalized evaluation in a much wider scope.

- New Budget Law
- State council documents



Provides legal and institutional basis for national evaluation system

- Central government
- Local government



Combining top-down and bottom-up approaches



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Fully implementation of performance management

19th Communist Party of China National Congress stated the fully implementation of performance management, suggesting all-dimensional and all-round budget performance management throughout the processes.

- **Comprehensiveness**
- **Institutionalize**
- **Effectiveness**



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Though China was behind in the field of evaluation, it caught up quickly in recent years.

During this period, Asia also experienced important growth in the awareness and application of evaluation system.

There are many explorations in terms of policies, methods and institutional arrangements in evaluation across the region. BUT an Asia Region focused evaluation dialogic channel was lacking.

A platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building in evaluation within and outside the Asia Region is greatly needed.

CLEAR EA, together with ADB, WB, and with the support of many organisations, created and hosted the first Asian Evaluation Week (AEW) in 2016 at Xi-An.

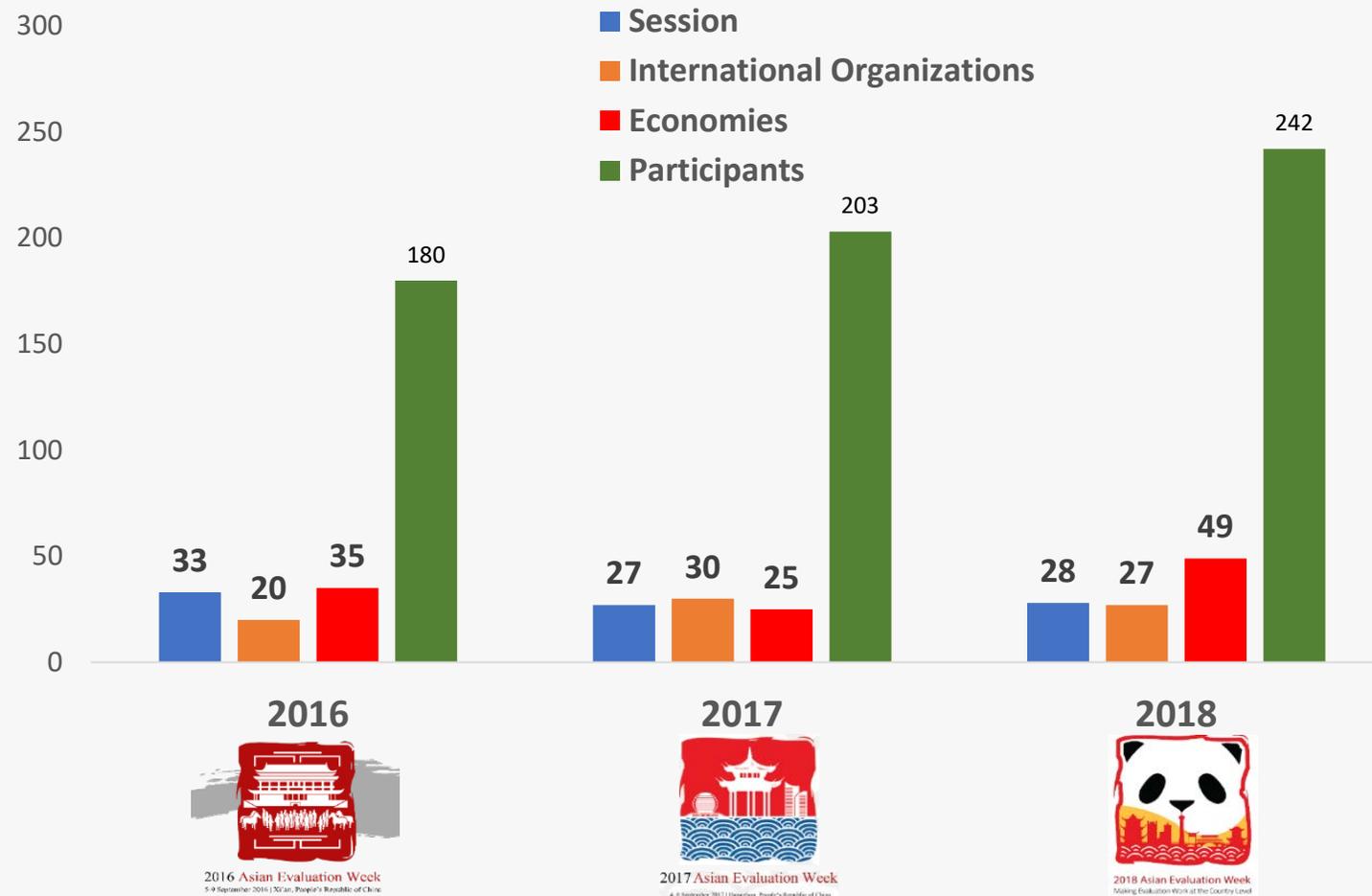
An event with the purposes of:

- **promoting the regional evaluation system, by bringing together the regional experiences and international practices;**
- **sharing the most cutting-edge ideas and knowledge on evaluation;**
- **disseminating knowledge on managing and utilizing evaluation in different country context;**
- **increasing awareness on the use of evaluation for better governance and effectiveness.**



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CLEAR EA has been building an influential platform for evaluation knowledge and networks for the region since 2016





CLEAR East Asia – Future

For the past 3 years with the support of many domestic and international organisations, AEW has been successful.

- Maintained the global evaluation knowledge exchange platform
- Created a dialogic channel that allows experts, scholars, and government personnel to interact and share their most up-to-date studies and practical experiences

We will continue with our vision and mission, in combined with our experiences to further strengthen the already established knowledge exchange platform and continue with the progress of providing a first class stage for the leading evaluation experts, scholars, and practitioners to share their expertise.