



## Biography

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Before coming to the United States, I worked in the medical field in China for many years with remarkable performance. After coming to this country in 1992, I was aware the need for the Chinese parents and children to learn Chinese, I and a group of friends established Huaxia Chinese School at Bergen (HXBG) in February 1997, which is the first Chinese school to teach Pinyin and simplified characters in Bergen County. The school has gained support and participation from families that love Chinese culture in Bergen and the surrounding area. The school has grown and developed rapidly. The registered students grown from about 70 at the beginning to more than 500 in the recent years and reached more than 600 at the peak value. I have been involved in the management and coordination of the school for many years. I have served as the president of the parents' association for five years, as the principal for five years, as the president of the Board of Directors for five years, and as a member of the board of directors of Huaxia Chinese School (HXCS) representing HXBG. In 1997 and 2002, I joined the group of HXCS and the

group of HXBG respectively to participate in the discussion, drafting, and writing of the first Bylaws of HXCS and HXBG.

We have explored the position of the weekend Chinese school. In today's fast-developing era, we must raise the bar for teaching goals and methods. We tried to use high tech for the first time in the 2017 annual teacher training meeting of HXSC. The remote teaching opened the innovation section of the annual meeting of teachers. More than 100 teachers were successfully trained in this event. It became the case with the largest number of overseas Chinese teachers remote training! In recent years, I participated in and was responsible for organizing the summer camp for overseas Chinese youths to find their roots in China. The activities were highly appreciated by the parents and students. In April 2020, I was selected by the board of directors of HXBG and appointed to the principal for a two-year term. It is an extraordinary school year of 2020-2021. Amid COVID 19, all school activities are online. We started from scratch and are doing better and better. As the principal, I am very thankful to our harmonious, hard-working, and efficient HXBG administrative team! I am willing to join the Board of Directors and work harder with the team to build a better HXBG.

In the future, we will insist on the school management by experts, which will be reflected in teaching, including trainings, teaching experience sharing, seminars given by experts, in finance and taxation, complying with various regulations and strengthening standardized management. We will continue to organize various forms of learning and imparting Chinese cultural activities, and work hard with colleagues to create a harmonious HXBG community.

On May 15, 2017, the Asia Pacific Cultural Festival was held in Bergen County, New Jersey. I was awarded the Education Contribution Award by the county government!