



# SCI consumer organisations in China

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**Government's policy is to keep the public quiet for national stability.**

**The government firmly believe that Western-style democracy can only trigger instability or even turmoil. It has to be strictly avoided. Hence, strong complaints are not encouraged.**

**Consumer  
organisations are  
controlled by the  
government  
instead of being  
independent**

**China's Federation of Disabled Persons is the only official "consumer organisation" for the disabled, including the spinal cord injured**



**The leader of the “consumer organisation” is Mr Pufang Deng, the son of the late top leader Xiaoping Deng.**



**The only proper rehabilitation institution in China is the China Rehabilitation Research Centre I helped set up in 1980s. It belongs to this “consumer organisation”**

**One institution cannot serve a country of 1.3 b population. Due to lack of proper SCI service, the overwhelming majority of SCI persons in China are deprived of any rehabilitation service and they receive only a very short acute care of 18 days according a survey of 2002 in Beijing.**

# Serious complications occur



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**Urological examinations are even less accessible to the SCI persons. Very few trained urologists are familiar with neuro-urology**

**Many SCI persons do not have a wheelchair due to lack of rehabilitation or financial support**



**A huge void remains to be filled in after care. It is here where Mr Jun Wen stepped in. He set up a peer counselling program in 2000 to fill the void after extremely limited and expensive institutional care**

# The Great Wall heroes □ CD □



Mr Wen

**This is the scene of 25 wheelchair users climbing up the Great Wall in 2008 with the support of 31 volunteers.**



**Livability and other charities sponsored the event whilst Stephen Muldoon from the charity took part. Mr Wen's heroic achievements are partially described in the CD. You are welcome to copy it. He organised a free internet service in the name of "chat room" to look after SCI persons.**

**Mr Wen are doing the following**

- 1. Peer counselling**
- 2. Expert consultancy**
- 3. Social activities**

**He makes 10,000 contacts annually and a total of 7,000 SCI persons have been benefitted from his service.**

**You are welcome to see the demonstration of the first two at the meeting 1600-1800 on 31<sup>st</sup> October**



**His commitment and achievements have received high appreciation from the ISCoS President, Mr El-Masry.**

# **Decision making in SCI management and research**

**Patients can see the psychosocial side more easily than the medical side because it appears obviously on the surface and is directly related to their life and image.**

**The medical profession see more the inside of the body than its outside. It is why it is difficult for the SCI persons to understand why some or even many things cannot be done quickly because they are hidden and understanding of such difficult issues like spinal cord repair needs extensive in-depth true knowledge and **HONEST SCIENTISTS!!!****



**Because China has a system totally different from the rest of the world, you may have difficulty to understand. I would rather take more questions than talking myself.**



**Thank you**