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MIA Statement of Clarification Regarding TEPs in China

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To all concerned persons:

New TEPS are asking that MIA restore MIA's honor with the Chinese people by being completely truthful and honest. There has been much confusion over the last five months (and still exists today) regarding the status of TEPs in China.

MIA learned that confusion began when several things changed simultaneously. Here is the timeline as we understand it:

1. All Wenru Education & Technologies 3-6 training programs (TEP of Beijing, TEP of Guangzhou, TEP of Shanghai) were listed as pending on MIA website due to the renewal paperwork not being submitted on time (November 2018) by Wenru Education & Technologies.
2. In February 2019, 3 new TEPs in China, who were certified as probational (waiting on confirmation of faculty), were added to the MIA website.
3. MIA-Asia WeChat began in January 2019.
4. In February, having still not received renewal paperwork from Wenru Education & Technologies, those TEPs (TEP of Beijing, TEP of Guangzhou, TEP of Shanghai) were removed from the website.
5. In February 2019 MIA-Asia WeChat group shared information about the TEPs which were listed as current as taken from MIA website.

** These last two items may have given the appearance that MIA had replaced TEP of Beijing, TEP of Guangzhou, and TEP of Shanghai with these new TEPs, but this was not the case. MIA was not informed of this concern until much later.

In response to the confusion, the following things occurred.

1. As soon as Wenru Education & Technologies submitted their paperwork for their TEPs in March, MIA reviewed the paperwork immediately. We made an exception to our policy (only quarterly submission & certifications) and agreed to reinstate these TEPs retroactively to prevent any lapse in certification. This action was taken in order to resolve the concerns we were finally hearing from China.
2. TEP of Beijing, TEP of Guangzhou, and TEP of Shanghai were reinstated by the end of March 2019 as being in good standing with MIA and was then listed on MIA website.

MIA will be amending our policies as follows:

1. TEPs will be reminded by MIA when their certification is due for renewal and when the next application period will occur. (Implemented in April 2019; will be included in official procedures.)
2. If a TEPs paperwork/payment is about to lapse, MIA will notify the TEP before changing their website status to 'pending'. In addition, if a TEP has not responded to MIA's reminders and their



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certification has completely lapsed, MIA will notify the TEP that their TEP information will be removed from the MIA website effective immediately. (Will be included in official procedures.)

3. New and renewal TEP certifications will be congratulated and promoted by MIA on its social media. (Implemented in May 2019; will be included in official procedures.)

We would also like to address the concerns of many Adult Learners and graduates who were enrolled in or recently graduated from one of the trainings of TEP of Beijing, TEP of Guangzhou, or TEP of Shanghai. MIA made certain that there was no lapse in certification of any of these TEPs. All Adult Learners and graduates during this period will have the opportunity to apply for certification to MIA. (This process must include appropriate paperwork and fees.)

In regards to how the Montessori Institute of America organization operates, we would like to refer you to the MIA Organizational Chart (available on MIA website). We have heard that MIA is mysterious. We would like to show transparency. No ONE person in the United States, or in any other country, makes the decisions for MIA. It is a group responsibility and that group is the Board of Trustees elected by MIA membership. When necessary, the Board appoints a person to be a spokesperson for a specific topic.



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MIA关于中国培训中心的澄清声明

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致所有有关人士：

新的培训中心要求MIA需要诚实的态度，来恢复MIA在中国人民中的荣誉。过去五个月（至今仍存在）人们对中国培训中心感到困惑。

MIA了解到，当一些事情同时发生变化时，困惑就开始了。下面是我们列出的：

- 1.所有文孺教育科技有限公司3-6培训项目（北京培训中心、广州培训中心、上海培训中心）因文孺教育科技有限公司未能按时（2018年11月）提交更新文件，因而在MIA网站上被列为待定。
- 2.2019年2月，MIA网站增加了3个新的中国培训中心，这些培训中心被认证为试行中（等待培训师确认）。
- 3.MIA—Asia微信群始于2019年1月。
- 4.今年2月，文孺教育科技有限公司还没有收到续签文件，这些培训中心（北京培训中心、广州培训中心、上海培训中心）从网站上删除。
- 5.2019年2月，MIA—Asia微信群分享了从MIA网站上获取的关于培训中心的最新信息。

**最后两项可能使得大家误解了MIA用这些新的培训中心取代北京、广州和上海的培训中心，但事实并非如此。直到很晚才通知MIA这一问题。

为了避免误解，发生了以下事情：

- 1.三月份，当文孺教育科技有限公司提交了他们的培训中心文件，MIA已经破例，立即进行了文件审查（规定是仅每季度提交和认证），并同意恢复这些培训中心，以防止认证失效。采取这一行动是为了解决我们所听到的担忧。
- 2.北京培训中心、广州培训中心和上海培训中心于2019年3月底恢复，与MIA保持良好关系，并重新列出在MIA网站上。

MIA将对我们的政策进行如下修改：

- 1.培训中心的认证到期和下一个申请期将在何时到期时由MIA提醒。（2019年4月实施，将纳入正式程序。）



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2.如果培训中心文件/付款即将失效，MIA将在将其网站状态更改为“待定”之前通知培训中心。此外，如果培训中心未对MIA的提醒做出响应，且其认证完全失效，MIA将通知培训中心将其中心信息立即从MIA网站上删除。（将包括在正式程序中。）

3.MIA将在其社交媒体上祝贺和推广新中心和更新培训中心的认证。（2019年5月实施，将纳入正式程序。）我们还将解决许多在北京培训中心、广州培训中心或上海培训中心入学或刚刚毕业的学员的问题。MIA审查确保这些培训中心的认证没有任何失误。在此期间，所有学员和毕业生都有机会向MIA申请认证。（此过程必须包括适当的文书工作和费用。）

关于Montessori Institute of America（美国蒙特梭利研究学会）组织的运作方式，我们希望您参考MIA组织结构图（可在MIA网站上查询）。据反映大家觉得MIA很神秘，我们将充分公开MIA的透明度。在美国或任何其他国家，没有任何人可以为MIA做出决定。这是组织责任，该组织是由MIA成员选出的董事会，在必要时，董事会任命一人担任某一特定主题的发言人。