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Dear Sir/Madam,

You are cordially invited to participate in the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's upcoming Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series Event, featuring **Dr. Wan Yanhai** of the **Beijing Aizhixing Institute of Health Education**.

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Time: 12:00-1:00PM

Location: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (#220, 890 W. Pender St., Vancouver)

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Light refreshments will be served; please feel free to bring your lunch.

Please **RSVP** to nabila.pirani@asiapacific.ca to confirm your attendance.

In a presentation entitled "**The Challenges Facing an AIDS NGO in China**," Dr. Wan will address the HIV/AIDS awareness work of the Beijing Aizhi Action Project and its successor, the Beijing Aizhixing Institute. The presentation will last about 20 minutes and will be followed by a moderated discussion. Please see below for further information, including an abstract and a biography of Dr. Wan.

"The Challenges Facing an AIDS NGO in China"

In this talk, Dr. Wan Yanhai will speak about the creation of the Beijing Aizhi Action Project in 1994, and its work relating to HIV awareness, and gay and lesbian rights. His presentation will cover a number of issues, including advocacy for comprehensive HIV and sexuality education in China. Dr. Wan will also speak about the Beijing Aizhi Action Project's continued advocacy for the compensation of blood victims who were infected with HIV while selling blood or receiving blood transfusions.

Dr. Wan's presentation will also cover the work of the Beijing Aizhixing Institute, one of the largest HIV/AIDS NGOs in China, its achievements in providing health and legal service to many vulnerable groups, and its contribution to the development of civil society groups in China.

Dr. Wan Yanhai graduated from Shanghai Medical University School of Public Health in 1988. In 1994, he founded the Beijing Aizhi Action Project, an independent NGO that works on HIV/AIDS issues. The project subsequently became the [Beijing Aizhixing Institute](#). Dr. Wan is a visiting scholar at the Centre for Chinese Research at the University of British Columbia, and is currently conducting research on health and human rights issues in China.