

proceed fairly because those responsible for the disappearances are still in positions of authority.

The international team and the workshop participants conducted several exhumations of suspected victims of disappearances in the area of Bacoor, in the province of Cavite, south of Manila. This area, locally called the "killing fields," is known as a dumping ground for those who have met a violent death. The team also reexhumed the skeletal remains of five unidentified persons who had been exhumed from this area in early 1986 by human rights groups and who were later reburied in a local cemetery. All the remains were taken to the University of the Philippines College of Medicine where they were studied for clues as to their identity and cause of death. While no positive identifications of these remains were made, the training offered in the workshop was soon put to use.

On 23 December 1986, the Presidential Committee on Human Rights (PCHR) called upon Tidball, who had stayed in the Philippines to travel before returning home, and three Filipino participants trained in the workshop to perform an exhumation of a grave on the island of Mindoro. The family of land reform activist Rey Robles, who disappeared 10 years ago, had requested that the PCHR investigate the case and determine if Robles was buried at a site they believed to contain his body. The team was able to successful-

ly identify the body of Robles by comparing dental charts and antemortem medical records with the skeletal remains.

Upon completion of the 2-week training course, the 34 participants drafted a resolution which they presented to the Presidential Committee on Human Rights calling for the creation of a subcommittee on disappeared persons which would investigate and document cases of involuntary disappearances, authorize exhumations of graves of unidentified persons with the intention of creating a repository for the remains and a databank of all relevant information regarding the missing in order to obtain identification, provide official support for the dissemination of the knowledge and skills acquired from the workshop, and provide expert witnesses and facilitate legal proceedings to prosecute the perpetrators and bring justice to the victims and their families.

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Science and technology (S&T) in China have become inextricably linked to economic development priorities. In the past few years numerous reforms have been instituted in

order to create an S&T system capable of meeting the demands placed on it by the country's "Four Modernizations"—industry, agriculture, defense, and science and technology. China's leaders know that their goal of quadrupling the country's gross annual value of industrial and agricultural production by the year 2000 will be impossible without S&T innovations.

Some of the management reforms include instituting a contract research system, establishing science funds and peer review, enhancing the authority and mobility of scientists and technical personnel as well as improving their working conditions, and opening China's door to the outside world. In March 1985, following the Third National Science Congress, the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee issued its "Decision on the Reform of the S&T Management System," which gave the official imprimatur to these changes.

As part of its exchange program with the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), the AAAS Board of Directors cosponsored a symposium on international approaches to technology transfer at the 1986 AAAS Annual Meeting. Among the topics of discussion were the newly instituted management reforms described above.

A proceedings volume, based on the China-related papers of the symposium, focuses on the effect these innovations will

have on technology transfer in China. Papers included are: "Three approaches to science policy (China, Japan, and the United States)" by Richard P. Suttmeier; "The organization of science and technology in China" by Wang Huijiong; "Domestic technology transfer mechanisms in China" by Chen Shenyi; and "Training technology managers in China" by Jordan Baruch.

Also included is an appendix on China's first S&T white paper. This 323-page document, which was released to the public in September 1986, presents a detailed picture of China's S&T development policies and priorities.

A copy of the proceedings volume is available, free, by writing Lisbeth A. Levey, China Exchange Program, at the AAAS address.

Pacific Division to Meet in San Diego in June

The Pacific Division of AAAS will meet on the campus of San Diego State University 14 to 18 June 1986. Symposia are scheduled on the lie detector controversy, fringe medicine and health practices, modeling physiological systems, biodiversity and extinction, desert plant resources, and endangered plants of the Californias.

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