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# Ecological civilization in Chinese traditional culture - Life of Harmony

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### [About the Speakers]



Sheri Liao (廖晓义), environmental journalist and activist, founder and the director of Beijing Lehe Community Social Service Center, Master of Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University, Honorary Doctor of Law, Fairfield University. Ms. Liao founded the NGO Global Village of Beijing (GVB) in March 1996 and has initiated a series of environmental projects carried out in the media and through public lectures, media events, workshops, and other outreach activities. Since 2008, she has been to the earthquake-stricken Sichuan provinces, helping the Chinese society to grow by building ecological villages, Lehe academy and cultivating the social workers and talents, and providing social work services for the construction of Lehe Homeland in Chongqing, Hunan, Shandong and Zhejiang.

For her tireless work and efforts, Ms. Liao received numerous awards, such as the Sophie Prize for environment and sustainable development from Norway in 2000, "Green Person of the year award" for environmental achievement by the Joint committee of seven Ministries of China in 2006.

**[Abstract]** Given the harsh environmental realities in China, Global Village of Beijing (GVB) was established in 1996 as a mechanism through which government, nonprofit organizations and businesses can work together for the environment and to help the public understand its role in this environmental movement. With the mission of promoting citizens' participation in the national strategy of "building a harmonious society and ecological civilization", the center advocates the concept of "Life of Harmony", practices the construction of urban and rural ecological communities featuring Lehe Community, and provides energy and chemical safety services. The new and holistic perspective and way to solve environmental problems nurtured by traditional Chinese culture are to use Eastern wisdom to create an ecological social model that respects heaven and cherishes things and is mutually beneficial.

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