

Ministry of Education Decision on the Implementation  
of the Plan to Establish the Chinese People's University  
(December 16, 1949)

1. In accordance with the Decision on the Establishment of the Chinese People's University, as passed at the 11th Session of the Government Administration Council, the Ministry of Education takes steps to establish the Chinese People's University for the systematic and methodical training of various kinds of cadres necessary for the reconstruction of a new China. This university will have regular departments and special training courses. The regular departments, which will provide these cadres with long-term training, will tentatively include Economics, Economic Planning, Finance and Credit, Commercial Trade, Cooperatives, Industrial Management, Law, and Foreign Service. The curriculums of all these departments will be from two to four years. The special training courses will tentatively include Economic Planning, Finance and Credit, Commercial Trade, Cooperatives, Industrial Management, Statistics, Foreign Service, Education, Law, and others. All these courses will tentatively be six-month programs so as to turn out, in a relatively short time, various kinds of cadres to meet the urgent needs of our reconstruction.

2. Curriculums and teaching materials: In all regular departments the curriculums of the first semester will include special subjects, Russian language, and physical education. In

addition, according to the nature of the discipline, individual departments will offer courses in Marxism-Leninism, New Democracy, History of Revolution in China, Political Economy, etc. (See table in appendix.) [The appendix is not included in this legal compendium.]

The curriculums of the special training courses will be primarily special subjects; political courses will be determined on the basis of the needs of the students. (See table in appendix.)

To combine learning and practical work and to adapt the Soviet experience to conditions in China, the People's University will establish a graduate school. Each department will have a teaching research section consisting of Chinese and Soviet faculty members, who will regularly investigate the status of programs in every related government department and enterprise, collect data to strengthen their teaching materials (text-books are primarily the latest ones used in universities and colleges in the Soviet Union), and invite specialists from all government departments and enterprises to participate in this work. Students of this university will have adequate time for their practical work in government departments and enterprises.

3. Admission of students: The university will admit 1,400 freshmen to its regular departments and 3,000 students, including 1,000 in the evening division, to its special training courses. These students will be admitted in the 1950 school year. The university will consider for admission applicants with recommendations by various departments of the government, as well as candidates who are to be selected according to the regulations of the university. Both kinds of applicants, however, must pass entrance examinations before they are admitted. (See regulations concerning the admission of students and the distribution quota of new students, in the appendix.)

While in school, students must systematically adhere to discipline in pursuing their studies, to develop the qualities required for the backbone cadres of new-democratic reconstruction.