

The Central People's Government GAC issues Decision on Leadership Relations of Higher Education Institutions

[New China News Agency] The GAC of the Central People's Government issued the "Decision on Leadership Relations of Higher Education Institutions" (passed at the 43rd GAC meeting on July 28, 1950), the full text of which is as follows:

National higher education institutions are under the unified leadership of the Ministry of Education of the Central People's Government as a principle. In order to make higher education more effectively serve the construction of the country and simplify administrative procedures to facilitate the work of schools, the following decisions are made regarding the leadership relations of higher education institutions:

(1) The Ministry of Education of the Central People's Government (hereinafter referred to as the Central Education Ministry) is responsible for the leadership of national higher education institutions (excluding military schools), and the education departments or cultural and educational departments of the people's governments or military committees of each major administrative region (hereinafter referred to as the education departments of major administrative regions) are responsible for leading higher education institutions in their respective regions based on the unified policies of the Central government.

1. All higher education institutions nationwide must implement the guidelines, policies, and systems issued by the Central Education Ministry regarding national higher education, regulations of higher education institutions, directives on educational principles, and decisions on the establishment, modification, or closure of higher education institutions, appointments and dismissals of university presidents, deans of specialized colleges, and principals of specialized schools, treatment of teachers and students, standards for expenditure, etc. Specific decisions may be made based on special circumstances in a certain region or school, but they must be proposed or reviewed by the education departments of major administrative regions in advance and approved by the Central Education Ministry.

2. The Central Education Ministry may designate a particular school to report directly to the ministry in order to understand the situation, research issues, and summarize experiences in a timely manner. The education departments of major administrative regions also have the same authority over higher education institutions in their respective regions.

3. Until the national higher education development plan is unified and the national higher education funding is uniformly allocated by the Central Education Ministry, the education departments of major administrative regions are responsible for formulating and submitting higher education development plans and higher education funding allocation plans for approval and implementation by the Central Education Ministry.

(2) Higher education institutions in North China, except those already under the leadership of provincial governments, are directly led by the Central Education Ministry. Higher education institutions in other major administrative regions are temporarily led by the education departments of major administrative regions entrusted by the Central Education Ministry; the Central Education Ministry may systematically and gradually take over the direct leadership of higher education institutions in various regions based on conditions. Higher education institutions in various regions should maintain close contact with the local provincial and municipal governments. Provincial and municipal governments should actively assist local higher education institutions in political study, visits and internships, security, and general personnel matters.

(3) Comprehensive universities and specialized colleges related to several ministries fall under the direct leadership of the central or major administrative region education departments. The Ministry of Education should closely coordinate with other relevant government departments regarding the professional education and internships of these schools, and all relevant departments should actively provide specific assistance and guidance. Higher education institutions that are only or mainly related to a certain ministry should be directly led by the relevant departments of the Central or major administrative region people's governments or military committees in terms of daily administration, adjustment of teacher allocation, budget management, equipment, and internships. Relevant departments should increase the number of personnel or institutions managing education to carry out the aforementioned leadership tasks, but must still abide by the provisions of items (1) above.

(4) According to the above principles, any necessary changes to the leadership relations of higher education institutions must be carried out in a planned, step-by-step, and prepared manner. After consultation and appropriate coordination by relevant parties, they must be executed by order of the Central Education Ministry.

(5) This decision shall be announced and implemented by the GAC of the Central People's Government.