# **Carrefour China Foundation for food Safety**

# Introduction

« The food safety and the conservation of the socio-economic structures of rural area are the major concerns of fast growing countries. Knowing this point, Carrefour china decided for the first time in the group history to create in China a foundation totally involved in food safety »



From the opening seminar speech of Jean Luc Chéreau President of the foundation

Creation : may 2004 in Hong-Kong President : Jean Luc Chéreau Representative for the Group : Philippe Rabit Secretary General : Antoine Bloch



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## 1st Seminar on Agricultural products food safety

Beijing the 16 and 17 October 2004

Organised by the Chinese ministry of Commerce In partnership with the Carrefour China Foundation for food safety



90 members of the central and local bureau of the government Speakers :

**Pr. Rolf Zinkernagel** : 1996 Medicine Nobel prize winner **Philippe Vasseur** : former French Minister of Agriculture **Noëlle Lenoir** : former French Minister of European affairs **Dr Frederic Saldmann** : expert in Nutrition and food safety

Huang Hai : Assistant Minister of Commerce

Li Jiange : Vice Minister of State Council Development Research Center Geng Shuhai : Director of Commerce Department of State Development and Reform Commission

Dr. Han Jun : Director of Agriculture Department of State Council

Development Research Center

Dr. Hu Xiaosong : China Agricultural University

Jean Luc Chéreau : president of the foundation Dr Antoine Bloch : secretary general of the foundation



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### 90 guests :

- Officials of the local bureau of the ministry of commerce in charge of food safety

- Representatives of the local governments of more than 20 provinces and cities - Representatives of nongovernmental organisations - Research workers and

professors of university



#### **Beijing Daily**

Diffusion  $600\,000$ : Carrefour launch the first found to support food safety

**Ximin Evening News** (Shanghai) Diffusion 1 500 000 : A food safety system for farm to fork





#### **Securities Daily**

(Beijing) Diffusion 200 000 1<sup>st</sup> international seminar on food safety

# **International Business daily**

(Beijing) Diffusion 390 000



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#### **Philippe Vasseur : Food and Safety : The lessons of one crisis (Mad Cow Disease)**

"...How the crisis has been controlled ? By giving absolute priority to sanitary safety, by giving full guarantee to customers and by supporting the rural economy..."

#### <u>Pr Rolf Zinkernagel :</u> Nutrition, Age, Infection and disease

"... The key of food safety is the education of individual person ..."

"... The science must be the basis of any decision during one crisis..."





#### Dr. Han Jun :

**Report on the Chinese food safety system** "...The traceability is one of the main target of the Chinese agriculture..."

Dr. Hu Xiaosong :

#### Situation and development of the food safety in China

".... Millions of Chinese people don't have enough to eat, today the real food safety is that everyone can be fed enough ...."

#### Jean Luc Chéreau :

"...From the farm to the customer, from the country side to cities, the food safety comes from each step of the supply chain responsibility..."

# The foundation program

#### **<u>1. Farmers</u>**

The agriculture in China is in mutation from a production turned to auto-consuming to a mass production. Production sites are still atomized et are suffering from lack of technical support. The vertical integration or the cooperative organisation is rare.

The target of the Chinese agriculture goes through the improvement of the profitability of archaic productions. The farmers must be sensibilised to the new trends of the agricultural supply chain (distribution network, products with add-value, export...).

#### ⇒ Actions of the foundation : Train Itinerant training sessions :

- Good agricultural practices
- ✓ Quality insurance
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Hygiene

### 2. Local authorities

China faced some major sanitary crisis. Te size of the country and the organisation of the producers make the epidemic surveillance difficult to coordinate. On spot there is no traceability, lack of prevention means and not enough technical informations.

#### $\Rightarrow$ Action of the foundation : Support

#### Propose to local authorities

- ✓ "Food safety tools" (fast tests...)
- $\checkmark$  On-line database with technical files
- ✓ Technical focused training books



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#### 3. Experts and Students

The experience and the knowledge on agricultural techniques are very advanced in China, but their diffusion is very limited.

The targets of the agricultural techniques are the improvement of the productivity, the set up of quality standards and the environment management.

#### $\Rightarrow$ Action of the foundation : Sponsor

- $\checkmark$  Research prize on the food safety theme
- ✓ Scholarship with European university

#### 2. Consumers

In China consumption behaviors are turning to new type of food and new type of conservation which they are no used to.

More and more food born disease are coming from the misappreciation of the hygiene good practices et of the lack of information given to consumers.

#### $\Rightarrow$ Action of the foundation : Communicate

- Offer some pedagogical leaflet
- $\checkmark$  Game and gathering on the theme of food safety
- ✓ Communication campaign



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