

# **Serve Rehabilitation International with High-quality Social Services**

Founded in 1922, Rehabilitation International (RI) is an international NGO dedicated to advancing the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities, with member organizations covering more than 100 countries and regions. Zhang Haidi, Chair of China Disabled Persons' Federation (CDPF), was first elected as President of RI in 2014 for the term 2016–2020 in 2014 and re-elected in 2018 for the term 2020–2024.

On September 27, 2019, the Award Committee of Rehabilitation International (RI) Award for Outstanding Achievements convened in Beijing and announced the Award winners. The three laureates from Ecuador, Ethiopia and Sri Lanka have been dedicated to helping persons with disabilities, carrying forward the humanitarianism and great love. As a milestone in RI's history, this award will encourage more attention to the cause for people with disabilities and promote the creation of an equal, inclusive and barrier-free environment.

During September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, Lions from Beijing District of China Council of Lions Clubs (CCLC) provided the Award Committee with transportation services, contributing their efforts

to the success of the meeting. The Award Committee members from all over the world extended their gratitude for the Lions' hard work.

Zhang Haidi ,Chair of CDPF and President of RI sent a letter of appreciation to CCLC. She spoke highly of CCLC's strong support to the meeting and in other respects. She said, by serving the Award Committee members, the Lions in China have shown their passion in rendering services. She hoped by working closely with each other, RI and CCLC can make great contributions to persons with disabilities, senior citizens and other communities in need.

Since Zhang Haidi took office as the president of RI, RI has held two Executive Committee meetings in China, one in Hangzhou in 2018, the other in Shenzhen in 2019. Following the motto of "Serve the society, Help others and improve ourselves", the Lions have overcome multiples challenges in the process of rendering services, and contributed to the success of related events. This also opened a new chapter of international cooperation between Lions Clubs and RI in the fields of disability-inclusive development and poverty alleviation, laying a solid foundation for the harmonious development of the international community with enhanced influence from both organizations.