

November 12, 2017: SAS – OST Partnership Officially Announced

Orient Speech Therapy (OST) and STAR Autism Support have officially signed a partnership agreement to develop education Centers for Children with autism and to provide a localized curriculum using evidence-based practices.

October 29th was a special day to OST. It was the 10th anniversary of OST's remarkable development, and also the day that OST and SAS (Star Autism Support) signed the long-term strategic partnership agreement.

Both Dr. Arick, the co-founder of STAR Autism Support who has been working with students with autism for over 40 years and Dr. Sally Hewat, Head of Speech Pathology, University of Newcastle (UoN) attended this special ceremony. Dr. Sally briefly presented the results of the cooperative strategic achievement of the standardized curriculum designed by OST and University of Newcastle. Dr. Arick talked about the international cutting-edge education strategies for children with autism. At the end of Dr. Arick's presentation he officially signed the long-term strategic partnership agreement to certify staff in the OST-STAR Centers in the STAR System and continue the localization of the Links Curriculum for China. This was good news to the families that are now affected by autism in China.

OST has currently established 9 OST-STAR centers in 9 cities. These centers are providing high quality services for students with autism, including consistent daily services, trained staff implementing evidence-based practices and extensive assessment and progress-monitoring systems. This program includes multiple opportunities for students to promote generalization of newly acquired skills within functional daily routines.

“We will consistently implement this project and do our utmost to offer professional and effective services to these families”, said Edward Yiu, the CEO of OST during the opening speech. Being the leader of the speech-therapy industry in China, Edward noted that OST has spent the last 10 years researching and introducing the most advanced international techniques found in speech-therapy, as well as supports for children with autism, to China. OST endeavors to improve the current condition of China's speech-therapy industry, and professional autism services. OST is addressing issues such as the lack of professional talents, high treatment fees, and the lack of autism-related knowledge domestically. In the future OST will keep pushing the development of the speech-therapy industry in China, providing more professional and internationally standardized programs for special education students, improving their life quality and endowing them with a better future.

