Denormalizing the tobacco industry Tactics used by advocates to fight the tobacco industry in China

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The tobacco industry emphasizes its social responsibility, (establish their positive image) directly influence on the use of tobacco and people's attitude towards by integrating advertisement, promotion and sponsorship (TAPS) strategies.

NGOs to move first

> ThinkTank Research Center for Health **Development (TTH) and the Chinese Association on Tobacco Control (CATC)** constantly monitor the tobacco environment in order to expose the real purpose of tobacco marketing by tobacco industry using TAPS

- The following two cases describe how tobacco control organizations, experts and media advocate FCTC in an active manner and stop tobacco industry's TAPS by joint efforts
- ➤ Case 1. To remove tobacco advertisement from schools
- ➤ Case 2. To block a national scientific and technology award which applied by Chinese tobacco industry

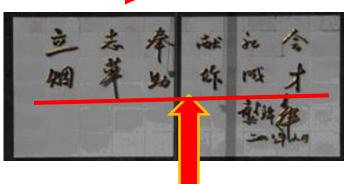
Case 1. Removal of school tobacco advertising

15 primary schools named "Sichuan Tobacco Hope School"











An inscription by the tobacco industry reading as "Tobacco helps you to be successful"

Actions taken

- > To collect photo evidence
- ➤ To invite media to attend fact exposing workshops on which experts to analyze and explain why Article 13 of FCTC was violated
- > To unfold large-scale and sustained campaign
- > To write to advertisement regulatory authorities
- > To conduct field surveys
- > To report the intervention results and follow up actions to be taken at media briefing meetings

Media report quickly and frequently

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新闻1+1 为什么拒绝烟草?!

21:39 元,全年支出决算1908.22万元,预算执行

In the help of lawyers, TTH sent letter to the Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Industry and Commerce (SBIC)

川工商信复函[2012]214 投诉举报回复函 新探健康发展研究中心: 你单位投诉"广安邻水县坛同镇蜂子岩村'四川烟草希望学 校'"标识涉嫌违法的信件我局收悉,现将调查处理结果函告如 一、经我局广告、法规等业务处室研究, 一致认为广安邻水 才"、烟草公司的名称和图形标识等内容有违《烟草控制框架公 约》,对青少年健康成长造成潜移默化的负面影响。 二、对"烟草希望学校"中出现的违规内容, 我局庚即责成 广安市工商局全面调查, 会同烟草专卖局督促邻水县工商局、县 烟草专卖局尽快对违规内容进行彻底清理 三、清理内容是: ①、取消了所有中国烟草 "LOGO" 及 VI

Some progress was made in 2012 due to the involvement of the Administrative Department for Industry and Commerce

A reply from SBIC

SBIC'S response

- ➤ It was recognized that the directed or indirect advertisement in the Sichuan Tobacco Hope Schools constituted an violation of FCTC.
- > It has negative influence on students
- instructed the local Industrial and Commercial Bureau to make comprehensive investigation, and clear off all Ads. without delay



Media briefing Planning the next step

- > Inform the stage victory
- ➤ Called for the Ministry of Education for tobacco advertising clearance for all of primary schools
- > Cessation of tobacco naming the schools
- > Called for a ban on tobacco sponsorship



四川省广安市邻水县坛同镇蜂子岩村希望学校去掉了烟味

Case 2

Block a national scientific and technology award to a Chinese tobacco industry

The tobacco industry supports scientific researches to increase the attractiveness of tobacco in an attempt to crown such research achievements with "National Science and Technology Award as rings of light.

- ➤ In March 23, 2012, the awards office of national science and technology announced :
 - "Construction of theoretical system of Chinese style cigarette characteristics and its application" recommended by the State Tobacco Monopoly Administration (the Chinese National Tobacco Corporation had been listed as a candidate for the National Award of Science and Technology
- ➤ It was open to public comment within a deadline of 40 days

Project description



Find and Spread via weibo



➤ Micro-blog vote." How do you look at the tobacco research being evaluated as a candidate for the National Award of Science and Technology Advancement.

Joint actions:

Wrote letters to MST

- Chinese Association on tobacco control, TTH and other organizations wrote to the Ministry of Science and Technology in a respective way.
- A number of experts wrote to the Minister of Science and Technology

State:

Workshop invited media

Experts give key massege :



Event was violating the Rules of National Law of Science and Technology Advancement

 Article 29 of the National Law of Science and Technology Advancement provides: "The state prohibits scientific and technological research and development activities which is dangerous to human health, and run counter to ethic morality".

Get the support from society

- ➤ Contact the academician and the Chinese Science network channels, questioned to the rationality and legitimacy of the award
- Several experts were involved in the activity of "collecting signatures to resist cigarette technology being elected as candidate for science and technology award" initiated by the editorial board of Science Net.

- within one week16 691 persons/times were exposed to the activity;
- > over 2 000 persons signed their name
- > 440 comments to express different views
- The signers initially focused on scientific research workers, teachers, graduate students, then quickly expanded to many social class, civil servants, sales manager, ordinary workers

Minister's voice of MOH



On March 31. at the Seminar on Strategy of NCD Prevention and Treatment

Minister Chen Zhu stated:

- "I don't understand, why the so-called tobacco scientific research can be awarded with a prize?"
- ➤ Enormous evidences have proofed that these are false science

Experts support from traditional Chinese medicine

➤ In 2012 May, the authoritative experts of TCM Sun Guangrong wrote papers "To criticize the Chinese herbal medicine into a cigarette ", questioned the Chinese style cigarette project Participating the award evaluation

Academician's supporting

- ➤ 30 academicians delivered a joint letter to support science network, against the award evaluation
- ➤ Ten thousands of net users joined the discussion
- More scholars and experts as well as tobacco control individuals expressed their serious questions

Response from The authoritative institutions

- ➤ April 11th, the Chinese Association of Preventive Medicine, 5 organizations delivered a joint letter to call on resisting cigarette research being elected
- ➤ In April 12th, The Ministry of Health stated: The research on low tar cigarettes should not participate in evaluation;
- ➤ WHO stated: The experience demonstrates that researches on low tar cigarettes are suspected of misleading the public and possibly threatening public health.

We win!





