

Press release

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A central moment with information about finding your roots for Chinese adoptees

"Looking for your birth parents? That will be like looking for a needle in a haystack!" The Adoptiepedia foundation changes this by organizing the Adoptiepedia symposium 'Finding roots' for Chinese adoptees. The symposium will take care of creating connection, recognition and (self) acceptance for the Chinese adoptees in the Netherlands and Belgium. The foundation considered it to be important to the more than 8.000 Chinese adoptees in the Netherlands and Belgium to gain more information about their adoption.

On Saturday, the 7th of May 2022 the symposium will take place at Breepark in Breda. The symposium will cover different subjects regarding to finding the roots of the adoptees. The program varies with information about efficiently searching for your birth family, psychological help and experiences of other adoptees who are at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of their search. In that way, the foundation aims to create the complete picture of a search of an adoptee and will do so by creating a central moment for Chinese adoptees in the Netherlands and Belgium.

The foundation invites several experts to the symposium, national but also international like Brian Stuy (as known from One Child Nation, DNA Connect and Research China). The entire program will be announced in the upcoming month. Keep an eye on the online channels of Adoptiepedia.

Adoptiepedia is looking after the interest of Chinese and Taiwanese adoptees in the Netherlands and Belgium since 2019. With several activities, projects, and online reach they offer support. Together they are looking for connection, recognition, and (self) acceptance. The majority of the adoptees experience difficulties in where their adoption is an (underlying) cause. Questions remain unanswered. The information about their roots is small and difficult to find out. Project coördinator Ming Xia Overbeek states the following: "It is beautiful to collect the different stories and possibilities for Chinese adoptees. I cannot wait till everything will fall together at our first-ever symposium. I notice that for some adoptees it is so important to get answers to their questions, hopefully, our symposium will help guide them into the right direction."

This symposium is co-financed by the European Solidarity Corps of the European Union.

See www.adoptiepedia.nl/symposium for more information and the ticket sales.

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