

# UNFPA PRAISES CHINA'S ONE-CHILD POLICY

"For all the bad press, China has achieved the impossible," says Sven Burmester, the United Nations Population Fund representative in Beijing. "The country has solved its population problem."

—Time-Asia, August 29, 2001

<http://www.time.com/time/asia/news/magazine/0,9754,168514,00.html>

"China has had the most successful family planning policy in the history of mankind in terms of quantity and with that, China has done mankind a favour," United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) representative Sven Burmester said last week.

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"In strictly quantitative terms, it was the most successful family- planning policy ever developed," said Sven Burmester, the UN Population Fund representative in Beijing. "My own view is that there is a generation of Chinese who sacrificed themselves for the benefit of society and they should be recognized for that."

— Chicago Tribune Monday, May 1, 2000

"I have had the honor of being associated with China's reproductive health and family planning programme for more than two decades. I was instrumental in initiating UNFPA's cooperation with China in 1979."

"...I also feel proud that UNFPA made the wise decision to resist external pressures and continued its fruitful cooperation with China."

(Nafis Sadik, UNFPA Executive Director 1987- 2000, accepting the "International Cooperation Honorary Prize" from the Chinese Government on January 12, 2002.)

—Official State Family Planning Commission  
of China web site, January 12, 2002  
<http://www.sfpc.gov.cn/EN/enews20020114-2.htm>