

# INCORPORATING RESPONSIBILITY 2008: HRIC'S BEIJING OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN

– Invest in Human Equity – Free Political Prisoners – Unshackle the Internet –

HRIC has embarked on a multi-year research and monitoring project, Incorporating Responsibility 2008 (IR 2008), focusing on China's new global presence as a member of the World Trade Organization, host of the 2008 Olympic Games, and participant in the UN Global Compact Initiative. The selection of Beijing as host city for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games presents significant challenges both to Chinese authorities and to the international community. HRIC's IR 2008 campaign will leverage international attention and participation to advocate an Olympics untainted by human rights violations.

HRIC aims to work with other concerned NGOs to engage constituencies sharing an interest in an open and untainted Olympics, including corporate sponsors, past and current Olympic participants, journalists and private and multi-lateral funders promoting rule of law.

HRIC will engage these constituencies in a multi-pronged strategy focusing on three core aspects of China's international obligations:

- \_ Promoting economic, cultural and social rights by investing in human equity
- \_ Promoting civil and political rights by freeing all political prisoners
- \_ Promoting the rights to free of information and expression by unshackling the Internet



CRF will serve as the main vehicle for reporting on the progress of the IR 2008 Campaign. The introductory phase, launched in this issue, focuses on corporate social responsibility and the human rights impact multinational corporations are having on China.

Upcoming issues of CRF will feature concrete benchmarks and timetables targeting:

- \_ release of political prisoners
- \_ more equitable distribution of development funds for the hinterlands
- \_ improvements in labor rights by the Chinese government and foreign corporations
- \_ progress on due process and transparency in the Chinese legal system
- \_ appropriate implementation of security measures and population movement control

As HRIC moves forward on this important IR 2008 initiative, we welcome input and suggestions from interested individuals and organizations.