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# Religious Freedom In China: Policy, Administration, And Regulation; A Research Handbook.





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Religious Freedom in China: Policy, Administration and Regulation is the first exhaustive compilation of all the laws and regulations currently operative in the Peoples Republic of China relative to religion. It includes not only those national laws that function throughout the country and offer a general perspective on religion, but the many laws and regulations that or specific for different administrative areas such as Tibet and Xinjiang. To assist the reading in understanding the import of the different laws, the volume includes a brief survey of those Chinese government structures that have oversight of religion and how they operate at different levels. Though written in English, there are numerous reference in Chinese that allow readers to track the sources for each law that is discussed. The volume also includes the complete text in both Chinese and English of the new national law on religion released at the end of 2004. Kim-Kwong Chan is the Honorary Research Fellow of the Universities Service Center For China Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong; Executive Secretary of the Hong Kong Christian Council; and, an appointed Justice of the Peace of the HKSAR Government. Eric R. Carlson is a J.D. candidate at J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, 2005.

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Chan and Carlson provide a highly usable academic treatment of where to find legal resources relating to religion in China. The first section explains the legal hierarchy --the Chinese system of law, policy, and administration i.e. the constitution, congress, state council, etc. The second section gives a short historical overview from 1982 to present. The last section contains hundreds of annotated entries and citations broken down by province. Internet resources are included. The annotations are concise and useful with the titles shown in Chinese when appropriate. The appendix shows the full text of the recently promulgated decree on religious affairs (Fall, 2004) both in Chinese and English. This is the only such nationwide summary available.

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