



Qi Yang, SO China

East Asia Representative

Qi Yang has been involved with the Special Olympics for ten years serving as coach, coordinator, board member. She is the mother of a son with Down Syndrome, and was encouraged when she discovered the Special Olympics and all the Organization had to offer for her child. With her background in the Police Force in China, she started volunteering as a security guard for the National Games in Xi'an. She was the Torch bearer in 2007 she was the torch bearer of the Law Enforcement Torch Relay in Xi'an. Her story and involvement inspired many other police officers to get involved in the movement. In 2010 and 2011 she introduced the Young Athletes program to two early children's centers.

Qi Yang also initiated 'Special Olympics in University' project which helped establish relationships with 10 universities and recruited over 2000 student volunteers. She has helped expand EKS day involvement to five other universities in her region.

Qi Yang seeks to continue to enhance the impact of Special Olympics through engaging more families and athletes in family activities and unified sports in collaboration with universities. She aims to explore new Young Athletes programs in neighboring countries.

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