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American Businessman Jude Shao Is Paroled From Jail in China

Shao's Release Is A Welcome End To His 10-Year Battle

San Francisco, July 2, 2008--The Free Jude Shao Campaign today announced that Jude Shao has been awarded parole after serving over 10 years of the original 16-year sentence. Shao will serve his parole in Shanghai.

"We are very pleased that Jude has been released and can begin to resume his life, which was interrupted 10 years ago," said Chuck Hoover of the Free Jude Shao Campaign. "We would like to acknowledge and thank Jude's many supporters who fought for his release."

Shao is an American entrepreneur who was jailed in Shanghai for tax fraud in 1998, and since his trial has been working to prove his innocence and earn his freedom. Shao has been aided in his fight by the tireless efforts of the Foreign Service professionals in the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing; numerous elected officials and their staffs; the Dui Hua Foundation; Jude's classmates at the Stanford Graduate School of Business; and other prominent citizens. The Free Jude Shao Campaign would like to particularly acknowledge:

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About The Free Jude Shao Campaign

The Free Jude Shao Campaign (www.freejudeshao.com) was composed of alumni from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, friends, and business colleagues of Jude Shao. The goal of the campaign was to win Jude's freedom.

About The Dui Hua Foundation

The Dui Hua Foundation (www.duihua.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving universal human rights by means of a well-informed dialogue between the United States and China.