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Network for a Free Society has had a very busy and exciting 12 months. You can find our new website at www.networkforafreesociety.org where you will see what a fantastic job our partners have been doing in promoting liberty even in the most challenging places.

We believe that the fear, repression and deprivation that haunt millions around the world today can only be ended by economic freedom and the foundations on which it depends. Without them the much needed investment, faster growth and higher incomes will not materialise.

We also believe that ‘ideas have consequences’ so work to enable and encourage people to explore and discuss the principles and values of a free society in areas where freedom is much needed but little understood. It is a long term strategy.

In this newsletter we turn the spotlight first on **Pakistan** which is 114 out of 141 on the Economic Freedom of the World Index so it is hardly surprising that the lives of most Pakistanis are blighted by hunger, poverty and lack of opportunity. We are proud to work with Pakistani intellectuals committed to taking the message of freedom to areas where it is rarely heard.

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Checking in for the [Alternate Solutions Institute's](#) conference on Promoting Free Market Philosophy in Pakistan.



Students exploring the principles of a free society in the Al-Hamra Hall at the [University of Gujarat](#).

Our partners are the Alternate Solutions Institute <http://asinstitute.org/> in Lahore, who produced the Pakistani version of the CD 'Ideas for a Free Society'. They have also arranged the seminars and conferences at colleges and universities in different parts of Pakistan including those in Peshawar, close to the Afghan border, where discussions about individual freedom are not always welcome.

You will understand that working in these difficult circumstances they need all the support they can get.

Next we turn to **China** which is 82nd in the Index but where there is much room for improvement. Professor Zingyuan Feng and his team at the Cathay Institute of Public Affairs, <http://www.cipacn.org/> our partners in Beijing, first produced the CD in Chinese and are now working on two books of the texts to be published through the commercial publishing house Chongqing University Press. One is aimed as an introduction to the concept of market economics and is called "The Basic Idea of Property Rights, Market and Competition". The second one, "Rules of the Economy, Legal System and Public Policy" is aimed at academics. Copies of the CD have been sent to a number of other organisations in China who will also be using them to explore and explain the benefits of free societies as widely as possible.

If you, like us, believe in the creative power of freedom we hope that you will also be inspired by the Ideas for a Free Society project. With a simple click, you can [donate](#), and/or [forward to a friend](#) . (You can also [unsubscribe from this list](#) if you prefer not to receive these updates.)



The Chinese version of the CD "Ideas for a Free Society" which was published earlier this year by the [Cathay Institute for Public Affairs \(CIPA\)](#).



CD's in the exhibition area of the [CIPA's](#) recent annual conference on Institutional Analysis and Public Policy.



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