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Chinese government has paid much attention to the work of place name. Since the 17th United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in 1994, the work has made new progress. The followings are:

1. In order to strengthen the management work of place name, China Institute of Toponymy has been set up, the Toponymy Institute of Ministry of Civil Affairs is its another name. Now it is in work.

2. The Applied Toponymy edited by Mr. Wang Jitong and A Course in Basic Toponymy written by Mr. Chu Yaping, the dictionary of etymology China place name edited by Shi Weile, the collections of China place name edited by Bureau of Survey and Drawing, the handbook of translation place name of foreign countries edited by the committee of China place name and many other books about place name have been published. The dictionaries of place names of P. R. China have been published 18 volumes. The translation regulation of place name of Li language has been published by Bureau of Survey and Drawing.

3. The management work of place name has made great progress. In China, the economics has developed rapidly, many new districts have been expanded, new developing districts have been set up, so the programmes of city and town are being drawn up at the sametime. The settings of place name signs have been gradually standardized. Now except for the place name sign in countryside, they also have been set up on both sides of the highway. The management work of place name is on the way of legal system.

4. 200 workers have been trained for two years. The course was the basic conception of place name, the naming and renaming of place name, the standard knowledge of place name, the programm of city place name, the the traslation of place name. The academic meetings have been held twice in whole country, the topic was the concept, way and standard of the management work of place name in coastal cities, the standard of proper name of new name, and the files of place names and the information system place name. All papers were over 100.