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Founded in 1993, Comparative Literature & Comparative Culture Institute of Tianjin Normal University headed by Prof, Wang Xiaoping, is an academic study framework which focuses on the comparative literature & culture in Eastern Asia. The institute is composed of 16 researchers: 12 professors, 4 associate professors and 1 lecturer. Ten of them have been awarded Doctoral degrees or are Doctoral candidates. The institute is located on Liuli Tai campus of Tianjing Normal University.

The institute sponsored The International Academic Exchanges Conference of Culture and Literature of the Pacific Rim (July, 1994), The Sino-Japanese International Academic Conference of Comparative Literature (October, 1995, Japan Foundation supported) and The International Academic Conference of Literature & Culture in Eastern Asia (September, 2001). Many Chinese and Foreign specialists and scholars such as Professor Koji Kawamoto who is the Chairman of the Society of International Comparative Literature took part in the meetings.

Professor Wang Xiaoping, Director of the Institute, has dedicated himself to the comparative study of Chinese and Japanese literature & culture over a long period of time. He had led the study

of "Universality and Speciality of the Poetry in Eastern Asia" (international cooperative project), "History of comparative literature in Eastern Asia" (an project of the Society of International Comparative Literature), and so on. More than 20 specialized books such as "Chinese literature in Asia" and many research papers have been published since "The History of Exchange Literature in Modern Times between China and Japan" was published in 1993. Professor Wang Xiaoping often comes and goes between China, Japan and South Korea over these years. He has not only collected first-hand materials in Japan and South Korea, but also taken part in academic activities and research projects in China, Japan, and South Korea. Professor Meng Zhaoyi, Dean of the college of literature in Tianjin Normal University, published a specialized work "Oriental Dramatic Aesthetics", a key national project in human studies. The research project about "Foreign literature effects on China in Twenty century" (national level) is led by Professor Meng Zhaoyi too. Professor Zhao Limin, a young scholar in the Institute, takes charge of a research project at the national level, "Dialogue Exchange Relationship between Chinese Literature and World Culture". Professor Liu Shunli, as an oversea council member of "the Society of Chinese Language discussion" in South Korea. Most other members in the Institute all take charge of research projects at the national or provincial level. For a long time, the researchers have focused on classic studies, and promoted an intensive and style of study.