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China expert explores poverty alleviation in new book

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Hailing how "China's poverty alleviation is one of the greatest world stories of the 21st century", Robert Lawrence Kuhn believes "this is the moment to bring to global awareness the methods, organization, strategies and results of China's poverty alleviation campaign."

For that, Kuhn, a noted China expert from the United States and chairman of the Kuhn Foundation, had worked with Wang Sangui, director of the National Poverty Alleviation Research

Institute at Renmin University of China, to release a book on Saturday.

Titled China's Way of Poverty Alleviation: Decoding the Governance System of The Communist Party of China, Kuhn and Wang explored more than 30 real-life cases of the country's campaign, especially on targeted alleviation, with international perspectives and theoretical analysis.

Kuhn raised questions before working on the book, and he found that, besides foreigners, even some Chinese youngsters living in bigger cities didn't fully understand the historical transformation currently going on in remote villages.

"While all political systems have trade-offs," he stated: "the common route of China winning the war to contain the contagious coronavirus and China winning the war to eradicate extreme poverty is the CPC's (Communist Party of China) leadership, organizational structure, and capacity to marshal and allocate resources."

Each chapter of the book talks about strategies, followed by cases and corresponding experiences.

Watch a video clip from Kuhn.

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