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Online Teaching for Villages in China: Rural Education and Remote Solutions

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Many primary schools in remote villages in China lack enough teachers of English, computers, art, and music. An NGO called Project Volunteer Online (支教中国2.0) has set up remote videoconferencing classrooms in 45 of these primary schools and now provides 200 online interactive classes per week to 2,300 students. Today's speaker is co-founder of this initiative and will share findings from his time at Harvard.

Wesley Chiu is a co-founder of Project Volunteer Online and is current a board member of this NGO. Two years ago, he was invited to Harvard University as a Visiting Fellow to research on online education in rural China. Wesley is also is a board member of the United World College in Changshu, in charge of student admissions. Before his current career in education, he was a lawyer for many years. He was Group General Counsel at GoodBaby and Asia-Pacific General Counsel at SCA.

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