

## Highlight

### Hu reminds G8 meeting to tackle climate change



Chinese President Hu Jintao stressed the importance and urgency for the international community to tackle climate change when attending the G8 Summit in Gleneagles, central Scotland. Climate change, along with Africa, were two main issues on the summit agenda.

China, India, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa issued a joint statement on July 7 at the sideline of the summit, endorsing the Kyoto Protocol and urging developed countries such as the United States to "take the lead in international action to combat climate change by fully implementing their obligations of reducing emissions."

Hu raised three suggestions for the tackling of climate change: first, to build an effective technology popularization system; second, to promote mutual beneficial technology cooperation and third, to ensure the source of funding. According to him, China, being a responsible developing country, will continue to contribute to the tackling of climate change in the world.

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## Top News

### Mr. Zhu Guangyao met with Chinese and international Lead Experts

On July 7, Vice Minister of SEPA and Secretary General of CCICED Mr. Zhu Guangyao met with CCICED Chinese Lead Expert Prof. Shen Guofang, international Lead Expert Dr. Arthur Hanson and Director of Secretariat Canadian Office Prof. Earl Drake. The meeting discussed issues such as the planning of CCICED's new task forces and the coming Annual General Meeting (AGM). Mr. Guo Jing, Director of CCICED's Secretariat also attended the meeting.

## Lead Experts Group

### Lead Experts Group held this year's 3rd working meeting

From July 6 to 7, the Lead Experts Group of CCICED held its 3rd working meeting in 2005. The meeting listened to the preliminary reports of the 5 TFs which are scheduled to submit their reports to this year's AGM and reviewed the study process on new TF which will report to AGM next year. The meeting also discussed the basic framework of the Issues Paper and the planning of AGM 2005. The participants of the meeting, including Secretariat Director Mr. Guo Jing and Secretariat Canadian Office Director Prof. Earl Drake, also raised some suggestions to the Bureau about the 5th TF which is to be founded in 2006 and the Bureau approved the Lead Experts' suggestions.



## The Secretariat Activities

### **Secretariat's Chinese and Canadian offices held working meeting**

Secretariat's Chinese and Canadian Offices held a working meeting on July 8, which was co-chaired by Secretariat Director Mr. Guo Jing and Secretariat Canadian Office Director Prof. Earl Drake. The meeting discussed issues such as the Secretariat's capacity building needs assessment, CCICED's fund management mechanism, the 4th AGM of CCICED Phase III and the planning of CCICED's budget in 2006. Both sides were satisfied with the close relationship and cooperation between the two offices in recent period.

## Progress on Task Forces

### **TF on Economic Growth and Environment**

The TF on Economic Growth and Environment held an internal workshop at Beijing during June 26 to 27 to discuss the preliminary study outcome: the Medium Term Report on the Performance Assess System for Local Governmental Officials. The meeting listened to suggestions from about 20 local officials, who were from provinces such as Hebei and Shandong.

### **TF on Sustainable Transportation**

The TF on Sustainable Transportation held the International Forum on Strategy and Policy for Sustainable Transportation Development in China and the TF's working meeting at Beijing during June 28 to 30. The forum listened to comments and suggestions from officials and experts in transportation sectors to refine the policy recommendations of the TF. Participants of the forum included both Chinese and foreign members of the TF and delegates from National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Communications (MOC), Ministry of Public Security, State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), European Union (EU), World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB), etc. Director General of SEPA's Department of International Cooperation and Deputy Secretary General of CCICED Mr. Xu Qinghua attended and addressed the meeting. [More](#)

### **TF on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy**

The TF on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy held a working meeting at Beijing during June 29 to July 1. During the meeting, TF members discussed the basic framework of the TF's researching report and completed the draft of policy recommendations.

### **All TFs submitted policy recommendation drafts within deadline**

To ensure the successful convening of the 4th AGM of CCICED Phase III, all of the 5 TFs scheduled to submit reports to this year's AGM, namely the TF on Environmental and Natural Resources Pricing and Taxation, the TF on Sustainable Transportation, the TF on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy, the TF on Circular Economy and the TF on Economic Growth and Environment, have submitted their drafts of policy recommendations (in both Chinese and English) within the deadline set by the Secretariat. On July 6, members of above TFs listened to the Lead Experts' opinions and suggestions on their policy recommendations. According to the AGM schedule, the TFs are to submit the final reports of their studies to the Secretariat by September 10th.

If any CCICED Member has interests on these policy recommendation drafts, the Secretariat will be glad to provide the electronic material in English.