



## Highlight

### **Mr. Xie Participated in the Seminar on the Implementation of Scientific View of Development and Promotion of Circular Economy**

Mr. Xie Zhenhua, Minister of SEPA, pointed out at the Seminar on the Implementation of Scientific View of Development and Promotion of Circular Economy on August 29, 2005, that the overall environmental quality in China remains stable under the circumstance of rapid economic growth. However, China is still facing with problems such as unsound industrial structure, unaccomplished transition from intensive economic growth pattern, gap between the needs and the existing legal and institutional systems and mechanisms for environmental protection, insufficient input in environmental protection, lack of enforcement and supervision capacity, serious environmental pollution and ecological damages. There is a great gap between the environmental status and the public expectation as well as the objective of a harmonious society.

As pointed out by Mr. Xie, the guiding principles for environmental protection in the near future include sticking to the people-oriented policies, the goal of harmonization between human and environment, the basic state policy of environmental protection, the strategy of sustainable development, and solving environmental problems through reformed approaches, according to the needs for the construction of a harmonious society. Environmental efforts shall be centered on economic restructuring and the transition of economic growth pattern, with reliance on scientific and technological innovation. Endeavor shall be made in promoting the circular economy. A mechanism of environmental protection with long-term effectiveness in line with the socialist market economy shall be established, as well as that of consolidated, highly efficient and coordinated environmental management system. Ecological culture shall be actively initiated. Efforts shall be made to build a resource-saving and environmentally friendly society.

## Top News

### **Mr. Zhu Guangyao Attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Task Force on Eco-compensation Mechanism**



Mr. Zhu Guangyao, Vice Minister of SEPA and Secretary General of CCICED, presented and addressed the inaugural meeting of the CCICED Task Force on Eco-compensation Mechanism which was held from August 28 to 29, 2005. In his remarks, the significance of the policy on ecological compensation mechanism was highlighted. Mr. Zhu also put forward the expectation and requirement for the study to be undertaken by the Task Force. Mr. Masami Ishizaka, international member of CCICED, Mr. Xu Qinghua, Director General of the Department of

International Cooperation, SEPA, and Deputy Secretary General of CCICED, and the Chinese and international co-chairs of the Task Force participated in the meeting. This Task Force is financially supported by the Japanese Ministry of Environment and the CCICED Core Fund.

### **Mr. Zhu Guangyao Met with Mr. Masami Ishizaka, International Member of CCICED**

Mr. Zhu Guangyao, Vice Minister of SEPA and Secretary General of CCICED, met with Mr. Masami Ishizaka, international member of CCICED on August 28, 2005. Mr. Zhu extended gratitude for the long-lasting support by the Japanese Government to the work of CCICED, and briefed the preparation for the 4th Annual General Meeting of the 3rd Phase of CCICED, as well as ideas from the Chinese part on the future development of CCICED.



Mr. Zhu expressed his wish for continuous support

from Japan for CCICED and the environmental protection in China. Mr. Ishizaka, with appreciation for Mr. Zhu's introduction, indicated his interest in further assisting the work of CCICED. Mr. Xu Qinghua, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, SEPA, and Deputy Secretary General of CCICED, also attended the meeting.

### **Meeting between Mr. Xu Qinghua and Mr. Kent Smith, Counselor, Canadian Embassy to China**

Mr. Xu Qinghua, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, SEPA, and Deputy Secretary General of CCICED, held a meeting with Mr. Kent Smith, Counselor and Director of Development Section, Canadian Embassy to China. Mr. Xu welcomed Mr. Smith to China, taking charge of the CIDA cooperation with China, and expressed expectation for further development in SEPA's cooperation with CIDA, particularly regarding CCICED. Both Mr. Xu and Mr. Smith exchanged opinions on the future development of CCICED. Mr. Guo Jing, Director, CCICED Secretariat, Ms. Marie-Christine Dubé, and Ms. Yang Baozhen were also presented at the meeting.

## **Lead Experts Group**

### **Chinese Lead Experts Group Members held a working meeting**

The Chinese LEG members met in Beijing on August 21, 2005, discussing basic framework of Issues Paper, assignment allocation, time frame, and the progress of Task Forces on Eco-compensation Mechanism and the TF on World Market, which will report next year. Prof. Shen Guofang, Chinese Lead Expert, presided the meeting.

## **The Secretariat Activities**

### **Secretariat visited Prof. Shen Guofang**

Mr. Guo Jing, Director of CCICED Secretariat, visited Prof. Shen Guofang, the Chinese Lead Expert, on August 19, 2005. Mr. Guo and Prof. Shen exchanged views on the work since the 3rd LEG Meeting in July, particularly the setting-up and launch of each Task Force which will report to the AGM next year, as well as the work of LEG in 2006.

### **Meeting between the Secretariat and Officials from the Department of International Cooperation, MOFCOM**

Mr. Guo Jing, Director of CCICED Secretariat, successively met with officials in charge of European and American affairs in mid-August, briefing the progress of the 3rd Phase of CCICED and the vision of CCICED in the future.

## **Progress on Task Forces**

### **TF on Circular Economy**

The Task Force on Circular Economy held a working meeting in Nairobi, Kenya from July 25 to 28, 2005, discussing key elements of TF research report. The report would take the definition of the circular economy as a departure point, analyze the urgency for the implementation of circular economy in China, and provide policy recommendations on the legal and policy systems for the development of circular economy in China, taking into account international experiences. During its stay in Kenya, the Task Force sought advice, through visual telephone, from Dr. Toepfer, Executive Director of UNEP on its provisional policy recommendations to the AGM.

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

The Task Force on Economic Growth and Environment held a working meeting from August 27 to 28, 2005, discussing the framework and fundamental elements of its general report. Both Chinese and international experts participated in the meeting.

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

The Chinese members of the Task Force on Sustainable Urbanization Strategy held a working meeting in Beijing from August 30 to September 1, 2005, discussing the content of the TF's general report. Officials from the NDRC in addition to the Chinese members, participated in the meeting, and set up requirements for the work in the next step.

### **TF on Eco-compensation Mechanism**

The Task Force on Eco-compensation Mechanism held its inaugural meeting in Beijing from August 28 to 29, 2005, with participation of both Chinese and international members. Upon invitation, representatives from NDRC, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Land Resources, as well as 11 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions from Inner-Mongolia Autonomous Region and Guangxi, Jiangxi, and Zhejiang Provinces, introduced the study on eco-compensation undertaken in their areas and jurisdiction respectively.

### **TF on China's Sustainable Development and Global Product Markets**

LEG Members organized a coordination meeting of the Task Force on China's Sustainable Development and Global Product Markets. Consultation was made on the content of the study. Prof. Shen Guofang, and Dr. Arthur Hanson, as Lead Experts, as well as the Chinese and international TF co-chairs and TF Coordinator participated in the meeting.

## **Meetings and Events**

The CCICED Secretariat is to hold a TF liaisons meeting on September 15, 2005.

The CCICED Secretariat is to visit Canada from September 17 to 21, 2005.

TF on Environmental Governance is to hold a working meeting from September 22 to 23, 2005 in Nantong, Jiangsu.

LEG is to hold a working meeting in Beijing from September 26 to 27, 2005.

## **Reports and Publications**

The second volume of CCICED Newsletter 2005 has been published, which could be obtained by sending your request with your postal address to the email address: [lu.xueyun@sepa.gov.cn](mailto:lu.xueyun@sepa.gov.cn). A copy will be sent to you as early as possible by the Secretariat.

The Proceedings of the 3rd Meeting of the 3rd Phase of CCICED has been published (in both Chinese and English), and will be provided at the coming AGM of CCICED. To obtain the Proceedings, please send your request with your postal address to the email address: [lu.xueyun@sepa.gov.cn](mailto:lu.xueyun@sepa.gov.cn). A copy will be sent to you as early as possible by the Secretariat.

