



## Highlight

### Premier Wen Jiabao Participated in and Addressed the 21st Century Forum

The Twenty First Century Forum was hosted by the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in Beijing on September 5, 2005. Premier Wen Jiabao presented at the opening ceremony, and delivered remarks titled Following a Road of Scientific Development, and Achieving Sustainable Development.

Mr. Wen pointed out that China is still at the primary and underdeveloped stage of socialism, facing a large number of difficulties and problems. In summary, there are two major contradictions. The first one exists between underdeveloped economy and the increasingly growing material and cultural requisites of the people, the solution to which relies on development. The other one occurs between the social and economic development, on the one hand, and the increasing pressures in terms of population, resources, and the environment, on the other hand. The solution to the latter contradiction depends on scientific development.

As Mr. Wen further pinpointed, the achievement of sustainable development depends on correct strategic decisions, and tireless endeavors. The development of China can not be achieved separately from the rest of the world, and vice versa. We will stick to the basic state policy of opening up. The Chinese government has been advocating the establishment of a new world order of equity and fairness, the exploration for diversified sustainable development patterns, strengthening global cooperation on sustainable development, and promoting the capacity building in developing countries for sustainable development. As a member of the world community, China is willing to make due contribution to the sustainable development.

## Top News

### Mr. Zhu Guangyao Met with Mr. Lim Haw Kuang, Executive Chairman of Shell Companies in China

Mr. Zhu Guangyao, Vice Minister of SEPA, met with Mr. Lim Haw Kuang, Executive Chairman of Shell Companies in China. Mr. Zhu appreciated the long-lasting support from the Shell Companies to the CCICED, followed by an exchange of opinions between both sides on the future cooperation between the Shell Companies and the CCICED. Mr. Xu Qinghua, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, SEPA, and Deputy Secretary General of CCICED also attended the meeting.

## Lead Experts Group

### LEG held a Working Meeting

The LEG held a working meeting in Beijing from September 26 to 27, 2005. The meeting reviewed the primary reports of research by the five Task Forces that would report to the 2005 Annual General Meeting, and discussed issues including the basic framework of the report on focal areas, and the (draft) policy recommendations to the Chinese government, etc.. Prof. Shen Guofang, the Chinese Lead Expert, Dr. Arthur Hanson, the international Lead Expert, and Mr. Guo Jing, Director, CCICED Secretariat, participated in the meeting.

## The Secretariat Activities



### **Working meeting between the Secretariat Headquarter and its Canadian Office**

The mission from the Secretariat Headquarter met with officials from its Canadian Office in Vancouver, Canada, from September 19 to 20, 2005. Both sides had discussions on preparation for the 2005 Annual General Meeting, particularly the arrangements on the Bureau Meeting and the tentative AGM agenda, plan of 2006 Annual General Meeting, training program of Secretariat capacity building, working mechanism of Lead Experts, 2005/06 budgetary plans of CCICED, and financial management, etc. The minute of this

meeting was signed afterwards. Both sides agreed that this meeting is of great success, in terms of achieving its expected results, which laid a sound basis for the success of the Fourth Annual General Meeting of CCICED Phase III, as well as the following activities.

### **Secretariat Organized a Working Meeting of Task Force Liaisons**

The CCICED Secretariat convened a meeting of Task Force Liaisons in Beijing on September 15, 2005. The agenda mainly focused on briefing on research progresses and the preparatory activities on the report and policy recommendations by the Task Forces, as well as notification of arrangements of the Annual General Meeting and related requirements.

### **Meeting between the Secretariat and the Sino-Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection**

The Secretariat met with the Sino-Italian Program for Environmental Protection on September 16, 2005. Both sides discussed the projects, with which the Italian government may cooperate with the CCICED, and reached primary agreement. Mr. Guo Jing, Director of the CCICED Secretariat, and Mr. Andrea De Angelis from the Sino-Italian Program for Environmental Protection, attended the meeting.

## Progress on Task Forces

### **TF on Circular Economy**

The Task Force on Circular Economy held a working meeting in Qingdao from September 11 to 16, 2005. The basic content of its research report was discussed. The international co-chair and Chinese experts participated in the meeting.

### **TF on Environmental Governance**

The Task Force on Environmental Governance held a working meeting in Beijing from September 23 to 24, 2005. Over 20 participants, including both the international and the Chinese Co-chairs, and representatives from Development Research Center of State Council, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, and local Environmental Protection Bureaus. The meeting reviewed the progress and the findings of the primary research by the Task Force, further improved the research framework, and arranged the work in the next phase.

## Meetings and Events

The CCICED Secretariat will schedule a Briefing Meeting, inviting representatives from foreign Embassies and organizations in China, on Oct. 14, 2005.