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CCICED New Website

We are happy to announce that the CCICED website has finished reconstruction and is now ready for trial. The website address will be changed from www.cciced.org to www.cciced.net as of 24 September, 2009. The Secretariat will continuously improve the website in the future.

CCICED 2009 AGM

As approved by the State Council of the Government of China, the CCICED Annual General Meeting in 2009 will be held on November 11-13 at the Shangri-La Hotel in Beijing. The theme for the Meeting is “Energy, Environment and Development”. Meeting invitations are being sent out from Mid Sept.

Hot Topics

Chinese president calls for international efforts to address climate change

Sept. 22, 2009, Chinese President Hu Jintao called for international joint work and pledged China's continued efforts on this issue at his address at the UN Climate Change Summit. The Chinese president outlined four principles needed for a successful concerted effort to deal with climate change worldwide. Hu said that fulfilling respective responsibilities, achieving mutual benefit and a win-win outcome, promoting common development and ensuring financing and technology were of utmost importance in making these efforts work.

Meanwhile, Hu also announced four measures that China will adopt to further integrate actions on climate change into its economic and social development plan.

First, China will intensify efforts to conserve energy and improve energy efficiency, and endeavor to cut

carbon dioxide emissions per unit of gross domestic product (GDP) by a notable margin by 2020 from the 2005 level, Hu said.

"Second, we will vigorously develop renewable energy and nuclear energy. We will endeavor to increase the share of non-fossil fuels in primary energy consumption to around 15 percent by 2020," he added.

Third, China will energetically increase forest carbon sink and endeavor to increase forest coverage by 40 million hectares and forest stock volume by 1.3 billion cubic meters by 2020 from the 2005 levels, Hu said.

"Fourth, we will step up effort to develop green economy, low-carbon economy and circular economy, and enhance research, development and dissemination of climate-friendly technologies." he added.

NPC Standing Committee passes a resolution on climate change

China's top legislature approved Thursday a resolution on climate change. The resolution to "actively deal with climate change" was endorsed by lawmakers at the closing meeting of a four-day session of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People's Congress (NPC), the top legislature. It will accelerate the country's attempts to tackle the pressing challenge of global warming and signals a proactive role for China in negotiating possible solutions to curtailing emissions.

The resolution praised the government work on climate change, emphasized the importance of the issue, clarified guidelines, basic policies, measures as well as China's stance. The resolution says: "With a spirit of being highly responsible for the survival and long-term development of mankind, China will continue constructively participating in international conferences and negotiations on climate change, and advance comprehensive, effective and sustained implementation of the international convention and its protocol." It says the country must commit to energy saving and emissions reductions by promoting energy-efficient technology and products, exploiting renewable and clean energy, developing a recycling economy and further advancing a forestation and forestry carbon sequestration. The resolution says China will adhere to the principles of UNFCCC-endorsed "common but differentiated responsibilities" as well as "sustainable development."

Vice Premier Li Keqiang emphasizes pollution treatment

Mr. Li Keqiang, Vice Premier of the State Council and Chair of CCICED, chaired the meeting of the Leading Group on National Pollution Survey in Beijing on August 26. Li stressed that China should deeply carry out the approach on scientific development, taking the Pollution Survey as an opportunity to

adjust and upgrade industrial structure. He urged more efforts on protect environment, and to practically address pre-eminent environmental pollution problems, to boost circular economy, green economy and environmental protection. Further work should be done to facilitate sustainable economic and social development and continuously improve people's living standards and quality, he commented.

China should explore new path for environmental protection

Mr. Zhou Shengxian, Minister of Ministry of Environmental Protection pointed out that China should explore a new path for environmental protection under current financial crisis, when he presented at the signing ceremony of Strategic Cooperation Framework Agreement between MEP and Shaanxi Province held in Xi'an on September 2. The existing environmental protection situation in China is still grave. Under current financial crisis, people intend to ignore environmental protection, which consequently will result in likely reoccurrence of environmental problems. Addressing environmental problems that threaten sustainable development and public health should be our priority.

Zhou said, to respond to current severe situation of environment protection, China should proactively explore new path for environmental protection with Chinese characteristics guided by ecological civilization. China should make more efforts in developing green economy and industries, continuously promote emission reduction of key pollutants. Meanwhile, it is necessary to fully play the role of EIA system, accelerate urbanization process, solve urban environmental problems, further improve environment economic policies and advocate green consumption, he reiterated.

Work of CCICED

CCICED Delegation visits Canada and USA

At the invitation of CIDA and US Environment Defense, CCICED delegation, headed by Secretary General Zhu Guangyao, visited Canada and the United States during August 30-September 7, 2009. The delegation had discussed and exchanged views on CCICED's work.

The CCICED delegation first visited CIDA Headquarters in Ottawa, and had a meeting with Mr. Hau-sing Tse, Vice President of CIDA and International Member of CCICED. The two sides spoke highly of the work and achievements of CCICED over past 18 years since its establishment. The CCICED policy findings over the past years have made unique contributions to environmental protection and development of China with full recognition by top leaders and relevant departments of the Chinese Government. The

Chinese Government and MEP ministers attach great importance to the long-term development of CCICED and will provide constantly strong leadership and support to CCICED Secretariat.

The delegation then visited the headquarters of US Environmental Defense in New York and had discussions with Mr. Fred Krupp, President of US Environmental Defense, Mr. Peter Goldmark, Director of Climate and Air Program as well as Mr. Daniel J. Dudek, CCICED International Member and the Chief Economist of Environmental Defense. The two sides fully agreed that the cooperation between CCICED and Environmental Defense is a win-win cooperation. Both expressed the willingness of enhancing cooperation and sharing the findings.

CCICED Secretariat-Chief Advisors joint working meeting holds in Beijing

CCICED held the 4th joint working meeting between the Secretariat and Chief Advisors in Beijing on 18 September. The meeting was chaired by Chief Advisors, Academician Mr. Shen Guofang and Dr. Hanson. The meeting focused on the preparation of the 2009 AGM. The meeting reviewed the progress of the five Task Forces to be reported to this year's AGM (Task Forces on Energy Efficiency and Economical Instruments for Environment, Energy Efficiency and Urban Development, Pathways towards a Low Carbon Economy in China, Rural Development and its Energy, Environment and Climate Change Adaptation Policy, Sustainable use of Coal: Strategy and Policy), and discussed in-depth the drafting of 2009 Issues Paper and Policy Recommendations to the Government of China.

It was decided the Secretariat should work closely with the five Task Forces concerned to ensure the final reports to be submitted in due time. The supporting team to the Chief Advisors is expected to finish the drafting of 2009 Issues Paper and Policy Recommendations according to the discussions and agreements during the meeting.

Policy Research

Task Force on Sustainable Use of Coal and Pollution Control Policy in China holds a working meeting

CCICED Task Force on Sustainable Use of Coal and Pollution Control Policy in China held the last working meeting in Beijing during September 7-8, 2009. Task Force Co-chairs, Mr. Pu Hongjiu, The First Vice President of China Coal Industry Association, Mr. Knud Pedersen, Vice President of DONG Energy

Company, Denmark and Professor Mark Jaccard, Professor of Simon Fraser University, Canada, chaired the meeting. The Chinese and international members of the Task Force, Dr. Hanson, the international Chief Advisor of CCICED, Mr. Guo Jing, Assistant Secretary General of CCICED as well as experts from National Energy Administration, World Resources Institute and International Energy Agency attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed and discussed the reports of the Task Force on strengthening capacity building of energy and environmental institutions, improving legislation and promoting scientific innovations in the coal sector of China. The Task Force will revise the policy recommendations and research report based on the common understanding of the meeting and the comments put forward. Final report will be submitted to CCICED 2009 AGM in November.

Chinese and international experts of the Task Force visited Huaneng Power Plant in Beijing, and Kailuan Coal Mine Factory in Hebei Province before the meeting to find out the current situation in coal power plants and coal mines in China.

Established in November, 2007 upon the approval of CCICED Bureau, the Task Force focuses its study on the strategy of sustainable use of coal (the basic energy source in China) to assure the security of long-term coal supply and provision of reliable energy sources for economic growth. Meanwhile, it studies ecological environmental issues during the mining, transportation and consumption processes of coal to put forward corresponding control policy and strategy based on successful practice and experience in the world.

Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Economical Instruments for Environment holds a working meeting

CCICED Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Economical Instruments for Environment held the last working meeting in Beijing on September 10, 2009. Task Force Co-chairs, Professor Ye Ruqiu, Consultant of the State Council and Mr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, Chairman of UNEP Sustainable Resource Commission, jointly chaired the meeting. Chinese and international members of the Task Force, Dr. Hanson, the international Chief Advisor and Mr. Guo Jing, Assistant Secretary General of CCICED attended the meeting. Representatives from GTZ, Ministry of Finance, MEP, State Administration of Taxation, Energy Institute of NDRC, Research Institute for Fiscal Science of Ministry of Finance, Policy Research Center for Environment and Economy of MEP, Transportation Science Institute of Ministry of Transportation and other institutions were also present at the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the work and the draft final report of the Task Force. Comments and suggestions on the research report were exchanged. The Task Force will submit its final report to CCICED 2009 AGM in November.

The Task Force was set up in 2007 upon the approval of the Bureau, with main focus on economic instruments for improving energy efficiency and enhancing environmental management.

Task Force on Pathways towards a Low Carbon Economy in China holds a working meeting in Beijing

Task Force on Pathways towards a Low Carbon Economy in China held the last working meeting in Beijing on Sept.14-15. Sir Gordon Conway, CCICED member and International Co-chair of the Task Force, Chief Scientist of UK Department of International Development and Chairman of The World Business Council for Sustainable Development, CCICED international member Mr. Bjorn Stigson and Mr. Feng Fei, Director of the Department of Economic Industry Study, Development Research Center of the State Council and the Task Force member co-chaired the meeting. Chinese and international members of the Task Force, CCICED international Chief Advisor Mr. Hanson and Mr. Guo Jing, Assistant Secretary General of CCICED attended the meeting.

The meeting reviewed the work progress and the primary report of the Task Force, discussed the definition of low carbon economy, scenario analysis of the development of low carbon economy in China and policy recommendations in particular. Based on the discussion, the Task Force will revise the research report and submit the final report to CCICED 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Established in 2007 upon the approval of CCICED Bureau, the Task Force mainly focuses on the study of the path of developing low carbon economy in China, analysis of future scenarios, identification of the roadmap and submission of policy recommendation to the Chinese Government.

Task Force on Energy, Environment and Climate Change Policy on Rural Development will hold a working meeting in Beijing

Task Force on Energy, Environment and Climate Change Policy on Rural Development will hold a Chinese team working meeting in Beijing on September 26-27. The meeting will discuss the Final Report to be submitted to CCICED 2009 AGM. Participants include officials from relevant ministries and commissions of the State Council, officials and experts from relevant institutes.

CCICED Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Urban Development will hold a working meeting in Beijing

Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Urban Development is going to hold a working meeting in Beijing on September 25-27. The meeting will discuss the Final Report and its policy recommendations that will be submitted to CCICED 2009 AGM. The meeting will invite officials from relevant ministries and commissions of the State Council, officials and experts from institutes who will present comments and suggestions.