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## 2009 CCICED Annual General Meeting

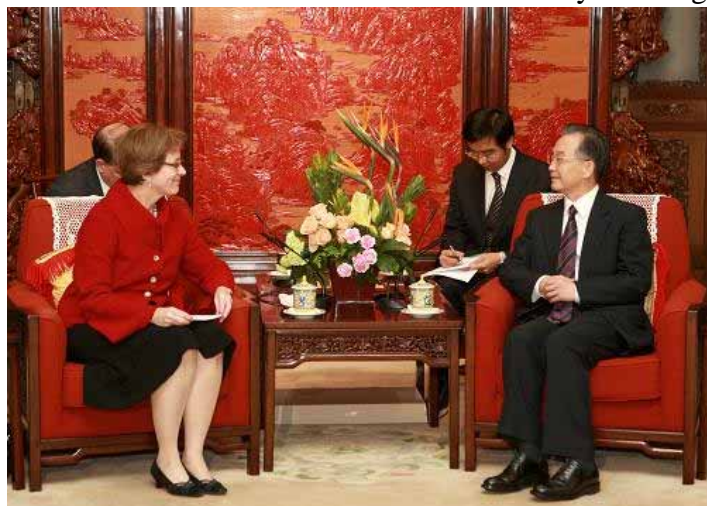
### 2009 AGM of CCICED held in Beijing

On November 11-13, 2009 Annual General Meeting of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development was held in Beijing. The theme of the meeting is “Energy, Environment and Development”. Around 200 participants, including Chinese and international Council members, Task Forces Co-chairs, authorities from relevant departments, donors, representatives from Embassies to China and UN organizations as well as special guests, observers, scholars and experts were present at the meeting.

### Wen Jiabao Meets International Representatives Attending 2009 AGM of CCICED

Premier Wen Jiabao of the State Council met international representatives of CCICED attending the 2009 AGM at Ziguangge, Zhongnanhai, on Nov. 13 and said that China is committed to fully tackling climate change and pledged contribution to the international cooperation in this regard.

The Chinese government values the development of ecological civilization for social and economic sustainable development from a strategic point of view. While tackling the global financial crisis, the Chinese government has never relaxed its requirements for energy conservation, emissions reduction and environmental protection, and is striving to seek new economic growth opportunities in environmental protection and ecological construction fields, said Wen.



Wen said China will integrate actions on climate change and carbon dioxide emission cut into its

economic and social development plan and take legal, economic and technological measures to fully advance its work in fighting the climate change.

China will participate actively in the upcoming UN climate change conference in Copenhagen and make contribution to the international cooperation in the climate change issue, Wen said.

## **Li Keqiang Attends the Opening Ceremony of 2009 AGM of CCICED and Delivers a speech**

Member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CCCPC, Vice Premier of the State Council and Chairperson of CCICED, Li Keqiang, attended the opening ceremony of the 2009 AGM of CCICED on Nov. 11 and made remarks. He stressed that we should adapt to the new trend of the development of home and abroad, facilitate economic restructuring while maintaining growth and give priority to protection of ecological environment as an essential task for strategic economic restructuring to promote steady and rapid economic development in the long term.



Li said, addressing international financial crisis is a process of second thought, reform, innovation and development. At the same time, world economy is under big restructuring and change. Key issues like global climate change, energy security and resource security become important agendas. New technological revolution featuring clean energy, energy conservation and emission reduction is unfolding. Green economy, circular economy and low carbon economy become an important trend in the world. This brings both a series of major challenges and new development opportunities.

Li noted that being at the rapid industrialization and urbanization stage, China is facing mounting pressure on the environment. Similar to energy and resource saving, the enhancement of ecological development and environmental protection is an important tool for economic restructuring and a key process in the transformation of growth mode. With more efforts in environmental protection, development of environmental facilities and environmental industry, we will inhibit and phase out outdated productivity with high energy consumption and high emissions and heavy pollution and encourage the advanced production elements for clean, high-efficiency and safe development. This is beneficial to the development of environment-friendly industrial structure, growth mode, consumption

pattern and cultivation of new growth engine, hence facilitating economic restructuring and sustainable development.

Li emphasized that environment concerns development and people's well-being. Safe drinking water and clean air is the necessity for human subsistence and development. So is sound environment for improvement of people's life quality. Over the past year, in the new investment plan for expanding domestic demand, China has made over 200 billion yuan new investment in energy saving, environmental protection and ecological development. Looking into the future, the Chinese Government will keep on taking environmental protection as a major task for the development of ecological civilization, the development of resource-saving and environment-friendly society; and strive for gradual improvement of ecological environment. Adhering to the policy of protecting the environment for the people, we will firstly address the environmental problems threatening public health. We will further promote the prevention and control of water pollution, air pollution and soil pollution, actively prevent emergent environmental accidents and create a good environment for the public with blue sky, clean water and green land. We will facilitate mutual enhancement of environmental protection and development by carrying forward ecological development, speeding up the development of green industries and paying attention to solutions of new environmental problems in order to make sustainable environmental development a driving force for sustainable economic development. Meanwhile, we will improve environmental policies and regulations and economic instruments such as cost and pricing mechanisms, accelerate progress in environmental technology and mobilize the initiatives and creativity of all stakeholders in environmental protection.

Li pointed out climate change is connected with the common interest of the whole world. It is both an environment issue and a development issue, and should be addressed during development. China attaches great importance to climate change and has formulated and carried out its national program for climate change. We will adhere to the basic spirit of UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol and Bali Roadmap, adhere to the principle of "common but differentiated responsibility", urge the Copenhagen conference to come to active outcomes and make its due contributions to addressing global climate change.

Li Keqiang spoke positively of CCICED for its contributions to China's environmental cause. He hoped Council members would give full play to their edge, study the major problems in China's environment and development and actively promote innovation and application of research findings, contributing their wisdom and resource to China's environmental undertaking.

