

【ASEAN-China Cooperation Activities】

Vice Minister Li Ganjie Attended the 9th China-ASEAN Expo Opening Ceremony



Vice Minister Li Ganjie of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (MEP) attended the 9th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) Opening Ceremony on September 21st, 2012 in Nanning, China. During his stay in Nanning, Mr. Li Ganjie met with Mr. Lin Nianxiu, Vice Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. They exchanged views on enhancing

participation of Guangxi in the China-ASEAN environmental cooperation by encouraging the cooperation and strengthening the institutional capacity in Guangxi.

The CAEXPO is the biggest trade and investment event between China and ASEAN Member States. It is co-sponsored by a number of Chinese ministries with the Ministry of Commerce as the lead agency. It is hosted by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and held annually in Nanning, Guangxi, China. The CAEXPO has been successfully organized for 8 years in a line with significant outcomes. It is also an important platform for friendly exchanges, business promotion and bilateral cooperation in various fields between China and ASEAN.

ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum (2012) held in Beijing, China

ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum (2012) was held on September 17th, 2012 in Beijing, China. The forum is organized by the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Centre (CAEC) in collaboration with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), with the support of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China and the ASEAN Secretariat.

This year's forum themed 'biodiversity and regional green development' was focused on three items: opportunities and challenges of biodiversity conservation in





in the region, policies and initiatives of biodiversity conservation in China and ASEAN, promoting partnership for regional biodiversity cooperation. Around 200 delegates, officials, experts, business representatives, academics from China, 10 ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat and international organizations and partners, e.g., UNEP, ADB, CBD Secretariat, GIZ, IUCN, FFI, WWF, ASEAN-China Center (ACC), etc.

Back to back with the Forum, a seminar on practices on biodiversity conservation and cooperation in China and ASEAN was held on 18th September.

ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum is an open platform for relevant stakeholders of environmental protection to exchange information and experience, and promote practical cooperation.

Vice Minister Li Ganjie Addressed Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum (2012)

On September 17th, 2012, Vice Minister Li Ganjie of the MEP attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum (2012).

In his remarks, Mr. Li Ganjie pointed out that the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum plays a significant role in the establishment of partnership between China and ASEAN through policy



dialogue and experience sharing, which will contribute to the improvement of the biodiversity conservation and achieve regional green development.

Mr. Li Ganjie stated that the Chinese Government attaches great importance to biodiversity conservation, vigorously encourages the construction of ecological civilization. The Government has carried out many biodiversity conservation activities across the country at various levels, and witnessed remarkable achievements. China actively participates in the international cooperation including the implementation of international conventions on biodiversity. China establishes also partnership with UNEP, UNDP, EU, GEF and other international institutions.

Li Ganjie pushed forward the following suggestions to enhance China-ASEAN environmental cooperation, particularly in the area of biodiversity: 1) Actively carry out the initiatives proposed by the leaders, implement the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Strategy and the Action Plan, with the aim to bring to a new high the environmental cooperation between China and ASEAN; 2) Continuously enrich the form and contents of the cooperation, explore new paradigm of South-South cooperation which is conducive to the regional green development; 3) Strengthen personal exchange, experience sharing and research cooperation between the two sides in the field of biodiversity.

ASEAN Delegates Visited the Wild Duck Lake National Wetland Park

On 18th September, 2012, a field visit was arranged by CAEC for the ASEAN delegates who attended the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum (2012).



The delegates visited the Wild Duck Lake National Wetland Park, the biggest wetland in north China. It is composed of lakes, ponds, swamps and grassland which cover a vast 1.5 million square meters with 389 kinds of plants and 264 species of birds. It is the only wetland bird nature protected area in Beijing. The delegates also visited the Wild Duck Lake Wetland Museum which is a part of the park. The museum contains a great number of sample birds and animals which once lived in this area.

【Regional Cooperation Activities】

Minister's Special Representative Mr. He Jie Met with UNEP Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific

On September 24th, 2012, Mr. He Jie, Special Representative of the Minister of Environmental Protection of China met with Dr. Young-Woo Park, Regional Director and Representative of UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand. They exchanged the views on the future cooperation between MEP and UNEP.

Mr. He Jie introduced China's environment management system. He highlighted the environmental protection achievements during the



Eleventh Five Year (2006-2010), and the main objectives and tasks of environmental protection for the Twelfth Five-Year Plan Period (2011-2015).

He suggested that MEP and UNEP would strengthen cooperation on institutional and human capacity building. Mr. He Jie and Dr. Young-Woo Park shared the view that there is a big room for cooperation between MEP and UNEP, in the areas of biodiversity, joint research, capacity building, etc.

In terms of promoting regional cooperation on environment, they agreed to strengthen cooperation between UNEP ROAP and China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation (CAEC).



Minister's Special Representative Mr. He Jie Attended the 11th ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting



The 11th ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM+3) was held on September 27th, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. Ministers, ministers or ministers' representatives and senior officials from ASEAN Member States, and three partner countries, China, Japan and South Korea, as well as the ASEAN Secretariat attended the meeting. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Pithaya Pookaman, Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand.

At the invitation of Thailand Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. He Jie, Special Representative of the Minister of Environmental Protection of China led the Chinese delegation to attend the meeting. He introduced the main progress of China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation, such as adoption of the China-ASEAN Action Plan for Environmental Cooperation, organization of China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum respectively in 2011 and 2012, implementation of the Green Envoys Program and a program on biodiversity. He expected that the two sides would further strengthen communications and cooperation, share experience, work together to promote regional sustainable development.

Minister's Special Representative Mr. He Jie Attended the 3rd East Asian Summit Environment Ministers Meeting

On September 27th, 2012, the 3rd East Asian Summit Environment Ministers Meeting ((EAS EMM)) was held in Bangkok, Thailand. This year's EAS EMM was attended by the ministers or ministers' representatives from the 10 ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, Korea, India,

Australia, New Zealand, United States of America as well as the ASEAN Secretariat. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Preecha Rengsoinboonsuk, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand.

At the invitation of Thailand Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. He Jie, Special Representative of the Minister of Environmental Protection of China led the Chinese delegation to attend the meeting. In

his statement, Mr. He Jie indicated that the East Asia Environment Ministers Meeting is an important platform for regional environmental cooperation and plays an active role in increasing understanding and strengthening cooperation among all participating countries to protection environment and achieve regional sustainable development.



【Information about CAEC】

Senior Official of the National Environment Agency of Singapore Visited CAEC

On 17 October 2012, a delegation from Singapore, led by Mr. Dalson Chung, Director of the Industry Development & Promotion Office (IDPO), National Environment Agency of Singapore visited the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center (CAEC). Mr. Guo Jing, Acting Director General of CAEC met with the delegation.



Mr. Guo Jing introduced the institutional structure, duties and functions of CAEC, the latest progress of China-ASEAN environmental cooperation, the implementation of cooperation strategy and its action plan including the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation forum, Green Envoys Program, biodiversity, environmental industry, joint research, etc. The Singaporean delegation expressed their interest in strengthening cooperation with CAEC to promote environmental

cooperation between Singapore and China, and between China and ASEAN as well through bilateral channel. The two sides discussed the possibility of cooperation on supporting the Environment Summit in Singapore in 2014 and joint organization of capacity building activities for under-developed ASEAN Member States.

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