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## [Regional Cooperation]

### 1. First Official Meeting of Ministers of Environment of the BRICS Countries Held in Moscow, Russia

The First Official Meeting of Ministers of Environment of the BRICS Countries was held in Moscow, Russia on April 22, 2015. Mr. Chen Jining, Minister of Environmental Protection of China, Mr. Sergey Donskoy, Minister of Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology, Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India, Ms. Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa and Mr. Francisco Gaitani, Vice Minister of Environment of Brazil attended the meeting. Mr. Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director attended the opening ceremony of the meeting.



With theme of “Develop Green Economy and Ensure Sustainable Development and Competitive Force of BRICS Countries”, this meeting aimed at facilitating mutual understanding and improving environmental cooperation among BRICS countries. The environment ministers of the 5 countries introduced environmental protection work in their countries, discussed environmental cooperation among BRICS countries and reached an agreement.

The environment ministers of the BRICS countries agreed the establishment of a mechanism to strengthen mutual communications and coordination and promotion of practical cooperation. The meeting has released the Declaration of the First Official Meeting of Ministers of Environment of the BRICS Countries.



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2. The 17th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting Held in Shanghai, China



The 17th Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting among China, Japan and Korea (TEMM17) was held on April 29-30, 2015 in Shanghai, China. The Ministers shared the recent progress in each country regarding environmental policies since TEMM16 and exchanged the major policies of each country to address global and regional environmental issues such as climate change and low carbon society, environment-friendly society and biodiversity conservation, ecosystem protection and green transformation.



The meeting reviewed with satisfaction on the progress of tripartite cooperation under Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2010-2014). The three Ministers signed the Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation (2015-2019) and Joint Communiqué



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3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tripartite Roundtable on Environmental Business was held in Shanghai



The 1<sup>st</sup> Tripartite Roundtable on Environmental Business among China, Japan and Korea was held on April 28-29, 2015 in Shanghai, China. This meeting was hosted by MEP and organized by CAEC, themed “Strengthen the Exchanges and Cooperation in Environmental Technology and Industry, Promote the Development and Transformation of Regional Green Economy”.



During the meeting, delegates from all three countries made delightful presentations. They shared experience in industrial park construction, signed Agreement on Projector, discussed technical cooperation on water pollution prevention and treatment, reviewed some good practices on international technical cooperation and exchange latest tendency in relevant policies not only from the three country but world-wide and discussed measures that may promote green development within the region. It was mutually agreed that technical cooperation should be further developed to meet the growing demand from environmental protection during fast economic growth for green development.



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**4. The CCICED 2nd Chief Advisors and Secretariat Joint Working Meeting in 2015 Held in Beijing**



The Second Chief Advisors and Secretariat Joint Working Meeting (CHAD-SERI Joint Working Meeting) was held in Beijing on April 23-24, 2015. SERI, SISO, CHAD team, and invited observers from CCICED donors/partners were briefed on (1) background of new policy research projects to be established, (2) updates on plans & preparations for up-coming events, (3) primary considerations on CCICED Phase VI, as well as (4) progress of Task Forces (TFs) and Special Policy Studies (SPSs) reporting to 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

SERI, SISO and CHAD team further discussed the progress of on-going TF/SPSs reporting to 2015 AGM, establishment of new policy research projects, preparations for major events in 2015, AGM-related activities & documents, and Phase VI planning.

**5. International Workshop on Investment Trends of Natural Capital and Regional Best Practices" Held in Beijing**



International Workshop on Investment Trends of Natural Capital and Regional Best Practices was held on April 27-28, 2015 at Beijing.



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The Workshop has been co-organized by China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center and Conservation International, aimed to exchange international trend and methodology on natural capital evaluation and assessment to provide a platform to mainstream the investment of natural capital, to discuss the relation between natural capital and sustainable investment and share best practices, to share policy making and market opportunities on natural capital and green finance.

[About CAEC]

## Officials from the Ministry of environment of Cambodia Visited CAEC

On April 2nd 2015, Officials from the Ministry of environment of Cambodia and UNEP in China Representative Office visited CAEC. Mr. GUO Jing, Director General of CAEC extended welcome to the foreign guests and briefly introduced the development of CAEC made. He proposed a new intention to cooperate with Cambodia to construct Environmental Protection Technology Exchange Center.



They discussed about strengthening environmental cooperation and conducting regional policy dialogue and research cooperation in areas such as solid waste, water pollution prevention. Both of them expressed the willingness to strengthen cooperation. They agreed to continue promoting mutual communication and make further progress on work connection.

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