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[Regional Cooperation]

10th MEP-UNEP Annual Consultation Meeting Held in Beijing

On 29 January 2016, the 10th Annual Consultation Meeting was held by Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) and UNEP in Beijing. Ms. Song Xiaozhi, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of MEP, and Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, UNEP Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific, inaugurated the meeting. Ms. Zhou Guomei, Deputy Director-General of CAEC and Ms. Zhang Jieqing, Deputy Director-General of CAEC attended the meeting.



The meeting mainly focused on China Environmental Policy Priorities and Challenges, Global Environmental Strategy and Policy Issues and other relevant topics. The meeting also reviewed cooperation highlights in 2015, and meanwhile, deeply discussed cooperation priority areas in 2016.

According to memorandum of understanding between MEP and UNEP, both sides organize consultation meeting annually. In the annual meeting, MEP and UNEP discuss conventional issues, including: mutual cooperation progress in the past, future potential priority cooperation areas and other issues for consideration. This year, MEP and UNEP will attempt to enhance cooperation regarding following areas: pollution control (related to water, air and soil area), South-South environmental cooperation and green economy.

Regional Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing Held in Bangkok

On 16-17 February 2016, the Regional Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing was organized by CAEC in collaboration with UNEP and ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in Bangkok. The workshop sought to provide a platform for ASEAN participants to gather various perspectives and needs from different sectors, communities, and biodiversity dependent industries to effectively implement ABS measures.



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CAEC and UNEP have been providing valuable support in this region by building the capacity of ASEAN Member States to implement ABS measures. Specifically, the UNEP-China Trust Fund has been supporting the region through capacity building in Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam to further enhance their national regulatory and institutional frameworks and piloting of ABS measures.

As one important part of ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity 2016, this work shop successfully highlighted the progress of Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam as participating countries to the China Trust Fund project on ABS, shared experiences and lessons learned in their implementation of their work plans, and recommended future priorities for China-ASEAN collaboration on ABS.



China-ASEAN Forum on the Cooperation in Ecological Conservation and Remedy Technology for Coastal Wetlands held in Shenzhen

On 1-2 March 2016, China-ASEAN Forum on the Cooperation in Ecological Conservation and Remedy Technology for Coastal Wetlands was held in Shenzhen. It was jointly organized by CAEC and Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with Shenzhen Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Shenzhen Mangrove Wetlands Conservation Foundation, SEE Foundation and Conservation International.



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Focusing on the coastal wetland conservation and management through fully exchanges and discussions, the forum shared relevant experiences of concept, technology and policy practices for coastal wetlands conservation in ASEAN and China; promoted improving the collaborative management ability of relevant government departments, environmental agencies, research institutions, private sectors, as well as other stakeholders for the coastal wetlands conservation; and successfully putting forward the proposal for strengthening Chin-ASEAN Cooperation in coastal ecosystem conservation, and jointly promoting the process of coastal wetlands conservation.



The proposal for strengthening Chin-ASEAN Cooperation in coastal ecosystem conservation, as one important outcome of this forum, agreed following priority cooperation areas, including: building a collaboration network among experts on coastal ecosystem conservation, establishing regional coastal zone conservation demonstration bases and enhancing capacity building.

Tripartite Rural Environment Policy Dialogue Held in Beijing



On 10-11 March 2016, Tripartite Rural Environment Policy Dialogue was held by CAEC in Beijing. The meeting aimed to enhance tripartite rural environment cooperation through promoting to implement relevant arrangements of Tripartite Joint Action Plan on Environmental Cooperation. More than 20 delegates, including officials of environmental authorities, experts of research institutions and representatives of enterprises from China, Japan and Korea, attended the meeting.



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During the meeting, delegates fully exchanged views on following issues: rural environment protection policy, rural household waste disposal and rural domestic sewage treatment. Meanwhile, delegates further discussed future cooperation areas and meeting mechanism arrangements. After the meeting, delegates also visited facilities for waste and sewage disposal at Gedaizi Village in Beijing.



Directors General Meeting for TEMM18 and 11th Tripartite Directors General Meeting on DSS Held in Shizuoka



On 23-24 March 2016, Directors General Meeting for Tripartite Environment Ministers Meeting (TEMM) 18 and 11th Tripartite Directors General Meeting on Dust and Sand Storm (DSS) were held in Shizuoka. Mr. Li Haisheng, Director General of International Cooperation Department of MEP, led China Delegation to attend above meetings.

On the Directors General Meeting for TEMM18, delegates shared latest environmental policies and practices in their respective countries since TEMM17 and exchanged views regarding global and regional issues. Also, delegates discussed relevant arrangements about TEMM18, reviewed the progress on tripartite Joint Action Plan and talked about raft Joint Communiqué

On the 11th Tripartite Directors General Meeting on DSS, delegates reviewed reports from DSS Working Group I (dust and sand storm monitoring) and DSS Working Group II (dust and sand storm research). Meanwhile, the meeting discussed new work plan in 2016.



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[About CAEC]

3rd CAEC-CEPD Annual Consultation Meeting Held in Nanning

On 8 March 2016, CAEC and Guangxi Environmental Protection Department (GEPD) 3rd Annual Consultation Meeting was held in Nanning. Mr. Tan Qingrui, Director General of GEPD, Mr. Guo Jing, Director General of CAEC and Ms. Zhang Jieqing, Deputy Director General of CAEC attend this meeting.



The meeting reviewed cooperation progress in 2015. Meanwhile, the meeting discussed new work plan and adopted relevant arrangements in 2016, including: promoting China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum, attempting to establish China-ASEAN Environmental Information Sharing Platform, exploring Green Supply Chain Cooperation and enhancing environmental technology cooperation. The meeting expressed satisfaction on relevant work under the framework of CAEC-GEPD cooperation mechanism.

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