



### 【 ASEAN-China Cooperation Activities 】

## 8th China-ASEAN Expo held in Nanning, China



The Opening Ceremony of the 8th China-ASEAN Expo was held on 21 October 2011 in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Malaysian Premier Y.A.B. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Cambodian Prime Minister Hong Sen, Secretary General of ASEAN Dr. Surin Pitsuwan as well as heads of delegations from 10 ASEAN countries attended the Ceremony.

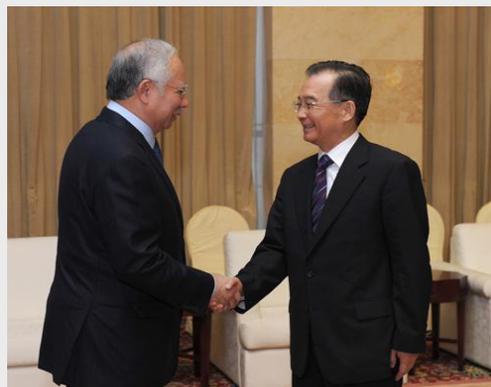
The 8th Expo not only coincided with the 20th anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue relationship and the 1st anniversary of the establishment of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, since Jan. 1, 2010, but also the China-ASEAN Friendly Exchange Year. In addition to the exhibition, a series of forums and exchange activities were held during the Expo as the highlights between China and ASEAN countries, such as China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum, 3th China-ASEAN Financial Cooperation and Development Leadership Forum.

Environmental cooperation is the theme of this year's Expo. The Expo provides an excellent opportunity for China and ASEAN Member States to upgrade cooperation on environmental protection.

## Malaysian Prime Minister: Environmental Protection is a Priority Area of ASEAN-China Cooperation

On 21 October 2011, Malaysian Prime Minister Y.A.B. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak indicated that environmental cooperation should be a priority area of ASEAN-China cooperation at Opening Ceremony of the 8th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, China.

In his speech, Y.A.B. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak stated that *“the background to this development comes of course from the 11th ASEAN-China Summit in 2007, where those nations*



*present agreed that ‘environment’ should be added to the list of priority areas for cooperation. In subsequent years the China-ASEAN Strategy on Environmental Protection Cooperation 2009-2015 went on to pave the way for the establishment of the China-ASEAN Environmental Protection Centre in China. The breadth and bearing of the Centre is not hard to see and, in leading plans for environmental projects, environmental strategies and promoting environmental industries in China and throughout ASEAN, I have high hopes that it will become a hugely significant institution”. He called upon that “Governments the world over need to do more to raise public awareness of environmental issues, promote environmental education and develop environmentally sound technologies. Only in this way we can help to reverse a tide that is coming rapidly further inland and ensure that our children inherit a clean, safe and healthy planet”.*

## ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum held in Nanning, China



ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011 – Innovation for Green Development was held on 22 October 2011 in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. The forum is co-organized by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China, and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat.

The ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum, focusing on innovation for green development, is the thematic forum of the 8th China-ASEAN Expo. It intends to become a high level policy dialogue and experience sharing platform, to provide an opportunity for policy makers, business leaders, experts and other stakeholders to explore the ways to promote and enhance environmental cooperation in the region. Around 200 delegates, officials, experts, business representatives, academics from China, ASEAN Member States, international organizations (ADB, UNEP, UNESCAP, etc) and third countries attended this forum.

## Vice Minister Li Ganjie Addressed Opening Ceremony of the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011

On 22 October 2011, H.E. Mr. Li Ganjie, Vice Minister of Environmental Protection, China inaugurated the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011 and delivered a keynote speech.

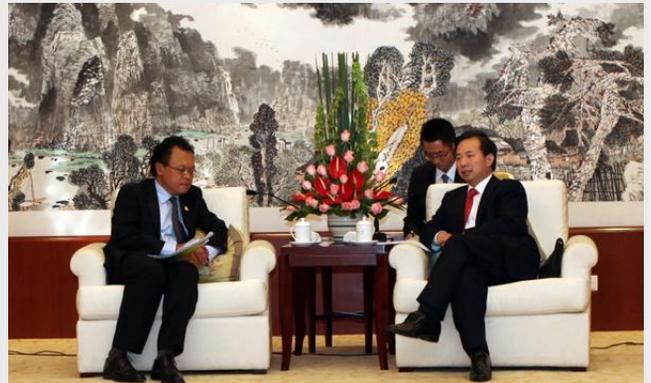
In his speech, he pointed out that China has obtained significant achievements on green development during the 11th Five-Year Plan, and will continue its efforts in environmental



protection policy in the 12th Five-Year Plan. He further indicated that China endeavours to explore a new road of environmental protection which should fit into Chinese circumstances and with low cost, low emissions, good effectiveness and sustainability. Under this background, he suggested that China and ASEAN countries should enhance the environmental cooperation in order to continue promoting the regional sustainable development.

## Vice Minister Li Ganjie Met Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN H. E. Dato' Misran Karmain

On 22 October 2011, H.E. Li Ganjie, Vice Minister of MEP, met H. E. Dato' Misran Karmain, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China. They exchanged views on the environmental cooperation between ASEAN and China.



Mr. Li Ganjie expressed his appreciation to Mr. Karmain for his support and attending the forum. He indicated that the

ASEAN Member States in the process of economic development faced similar environmental issues, which called for regional environmental cooperation. The forum concentrating on innovation and green development enables countries to work together and share experiences in striking balance between economy and environment. Mr. Karmain endorsed Mr. Li's remarks and looked forward to further expand and deepen the communication and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the future.

## Vice Minister Li Ganjie Met Vice President of Asian Development Bank Mr. Bindu N. Lohani



On 22 October 2011, H.E. Li Ganjie, Vice Minister of MEP met Mr. Bindu N. Lohani, Vice President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Nanning, China. They exchanged views on cooperation between MEP and ADB.

Mr. Li Ganjie introduced the latest progress of environmental cooperation between China and ASEAN. Then he made the following suggestions on future cooperation between ADB and China:

Enhance the cooperation between ADB and China on capacity-building according to the needs of development in this region; ADB may provide support and participate in the environmental cooperation between China and ASEAN; China may step up coordination with ADB to promote environmental protection and sustainable development under the GMS framework. Mr. Lohani fully



agreed with Mr. Li's view and stated that he would provide support for the cooperation in the field of environment with China.

## Vice Governor Mr. Lin Nianxiu Attended the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011



Mr. Lin Nianxiu, Vice Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of China, attended the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011 on 22 October 2011 and delivered a speech on behalf of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

In his speech, Mr. Lin pointed out that the forum plays an irreplaceable role for boosting the regional environmental cooperation. It can bring about various benefits, such as facilitating policy dialogues, exchanging information and experience, as well as

building partnerships. As the only province of China bordering ASEAN countries both by land and by ocean, Guangxi becomes a window for both sides. Guangxi will mobilize more resources to promote green development and cooperation in the future.

## Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN H. E. Dato' Misran Karmain Attended China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011

On 22 October 2011, H. E. Dato' Misran Karmain, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN attended the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011 in Nanning, China.

On behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Karmain conveyed congratulations to the organization of the Forum. Together with other VIPs from China, ASEAN Member States, international organizations, he inaugurated the launch of the China-ASEAN Green Envoys Program.

In his speech, he summarized the history, current situation and prospects of ASEAN-China environmental cooperation. He believes that the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum provides a platform for ASEAN and China to improve the awareness of green development, and strengthen their cooperation.



## Vice President of Asian Development Bank Mr. Bindu N. Lohani Attended China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011



Mr. Bindu N. Lohani, Vice President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) attended the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011 on 22 October 2011 and delivered an address on behalf of ADB.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Bindu N. Lohani indicated that regional cooperation and the environment were not only the two topics of this forum, but also two key strategic agendas under ADB's Strategy 2020. He indicated that the "greening" of ADB's portfolio continues to increase as shown by the growing number and value of loans with environmental sustainability components. These reached a high 35% in terms of number and 30% in terms of value in 2010, most of which related to Asia and its sub-regions. He believed the cooperation between China and ASEAN, integrating ADB's work, will play a positive role in protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development in the region.

## Launching the China-ASEAN Green Envoys Program

On 22 October 2011, officials from China and ASEAN countries jointly launched the China-ASEAN Green Envoys Program during the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011.

China-ASEAN Green Envoys Program (GEP) is one of priority activities in the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Action Plan. It was designed to enhance the awareness of decision makers and the public on environmental protection

through various forms of activities, such as personnel exchanges, joint trainings and seminars. The program is expected to improve the capacity of China and AMS for environmental protection. The program will take the young generation as particularly important target groups.



## 【Information about CAEC】

## Tang Dingding Attended China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011



Mr. Tang Dingding, Director General of CAEC attended the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum 2011 on 22 October 2011 in Nanjing, China. He moderated the launching of the China-ASEAN Green Envoys Program and the second session of the forum which focused on policy dialogue - promoting regional green development.

In his remarks, Mr. Tang Dingding briefly introduced the establishment and the mandate of CAEC. He indicated that CAEC become a significant platform for China and ASEA to enhance the environmental cooperation which would contribute to the sustainable development in the region.

## Tang Dingding Met Vice President of Asian Development Bank Mr. Bindu N. Lohani

On 23 October 2011, Mr. Tang Dingding, Director General of CAEC met Mr. Bindu N. Lohani, Vice President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Nanning, China during the China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Forum. They exchanged views on environmental cooperation between CAEC and ADB.

Mr. Tang introduced the latest achievements of environmental cooperation between China and ASEAN, in particular the recently endorsed Action Plan. He asked ADB to provide support for the implementation of the Action Plan, and he also shed the light onto an HR exchange program, which would greatly benefit both sides through bilateral training and experience sharing, etc. Mr. Lohani showed his strong interest on it and committed to provide support to cooperation activities.

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