

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Proposed to Advance Cooperation on Sustainable Development at the 14th ASEAN-China Summit



On 18 November 2011, the 14th ASEAN-China Summit was held in Bali, Indonesia. Leaders from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China attended the Summit to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations between ASEAN and China.

In his statement at the Summit, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao indicated that there is a solid foundation and huge potential for China-ASEAN practical cooperation. The two sides should follow closely new

developments, enhance coordination, establish and improve cooperation mechanisms, deepen cooperation in priority areas and open new areas of cooperation to achieve greater success. He proposed to take six steps to advance cooperation in several areas, which included sustainable development. He announced that China would work to advance exchanges and cooperation with ASEAN in green economy, energy conservation, environmental protection, new energy and renewable energy.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Stressed Importance of Shifting Growth Model and Proposed to Enhance Cooperation at 14th ASEAN Plus Three Summit

The 14th ASEAN Plus Three Summit was held on 18 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. Leaders from ASEAN Member States, China, Japan and Republic of Korea attended the Summit.

In his statement, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao indicated that ASEAN Plus Three should shift the growth model and promote sustainable development in the region. The

10+3 process should enhance cooperation in science and technology, new energy, energy conservation and environmental protection and provide support and help to countries, particularly developing countries in East Asia in achieving sustainable development.



Environment was Taken as One Strategic Issue at the 4th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit



The 4th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit under the theme “Beyond 2012: Towards a New Decade of GMS Strategic Development Partnership” was held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 19–20 December. Leaders from GMS countries including Chinese State Councilor Dai Bingguo, and the President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) attended the Summit.

The major outcomes of the Summit include the endorsement of the new GMS Strategic Framework 2012–2022 and the signing of a declaration. The strategic framework endorsed by the GMS leaders

called for a range of new measures to strengthen regional cooperation, including more effective resource utilization and more balanced development with environmental concerns.

The GMS Leaders also endorsed strategies to promote low-carbon development and enhance management of the sub-region’s richly diverse ecosystems (Core Environment Program–Biodiversity Conservation Corridor Initiative, 2012–2016). At the Summit, Dai Bingguo pushed forward five cooperation proposals, including among others cooperation on environment.

Vice Minister of MEP Mr. Wu Xiaoqing Visited Malaysia

On November 21 2011, Wu Xiaoqing, Vice Minister of Environmental Protection of China (MEP) led a delegation to visit Malaysian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and met with Deputy Secretary General Rahim B. Haji Nik.

H.E. Mr. Wu Xiaoqing gave a brief introduction on MEP’s institutional structure and main functions, as well as the major environmental achievements during the 11th Five-Year Plan period, and environmental goals and tasks set out in the 12th Five-Year Plan. He stated that China and Malaysia are both developing countries with distinctive features and advantages in the environmental field. As for future cooperation, he proposed the two sides step up mutual visits and information exchange, deepen the mutual understanding, give priority to the exchanges and cooperation in the fields such as environmental industry and technologies, and enhance the coordination and communications under regional mechanisms, enhance the coordination in the global environment field and multilateral environment agreements, and work together to safeguard the environment and development rights of the developing countries.

H.E. Dr. Che Ab Rahim B. Haji Nik agreed with Mr. Wu’s proposals and said that Malaysia is ready to maintain contacts with China and together advance the development of bilateral environmental cooperation.

GMS Countries’ Workshop on Investing In Natural Capital for a Green Economy

The GMS Countries’ Workshop on Investing in Natural Capital for a Green Economy took place on December 1st and 2nd 2011 in Ha Noi, Vietnam. The Workshop was hosted by the Institute

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of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE) in the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment (MoNRE) of Vietnam.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB), the British High Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (Danida), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) provided support to the workshop.

More than 100 participants, including officials from GMS governments, representatives from



research institutions, NGOs, and international development agencies attended the workshop. Representative from China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center (CAEC) participated in the workshop.

During the workshop, attendees emphasized the urgent need for green economy in GMS countries, and discussed the “Road map to Rio+20” meetings. A presentation on planning and policy applications of ecosystem function conservation area in China was made in the workshop.

【 Environmental Protection in China 】

“China's Policies and Actions for Addressing Climate Change (2011)” Published

On 22 November 2011, the Information Office of the State Council of China published a national white book entitled “China's Policies and Actions for Addressing Climate Change (2011)”. The objective of the white book is to enable the international community to fully understand China's policies and actions for addressing climate change, and the positive results achieved in this regard during the Eleventh Five-Year Plan period, as well as China's overall arrangements to address climate change and its related negotiating position during the Twelfth Five-Year Plan period (2011-2015).

The white book includes 8 chapters, which elaborate China's policies, actions, achievements, and objectives on several major topics: mitigating climate change, adapting climate change, enhancing basic capability, participation of the whole society, and participation in international negotiations, etc.

【 About CAEC 】

Vice Minister of MEP Mr. Li Ganjie Inspected CAEC

On 22 December 2011, H.E. Mr. Li Ganjie, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) inspected CAEC. He encouraged CAEC to make continuous efforts to promote ASEAN-China environmental cooperation in the future.

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In his remarks, Mr. Li Ganjie said that CAEC has made commendable achievements over the past year. He indicated that the 7th National Conference on Environmental Protection held in 2011 has set up priorities and critical targets for environmental protection in China while ensuring sustainable economic development. China will continue to actively explore new path for environmental protection. He stressed the importance of establishing China-ASEAN cooperation mechanism, partnership, and network.

Chief Engineer on Nuclear Safety of MEP Mr. Xu Qinghua Inspected CAEC

On 12 January 2012, Mr. Xu Qinghua, Chief Engineer on Nuclear Safety of MEP, and Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection inspected CAEC. He listened to the briefing on CAEC's annual report in 2011 and work plan in 2012, and made some comments on enhancing ASEAN-China environmental cooperation in the future.



During the meeting, Mr. Xu Qinghua congratulated on CAEC's achievements over the past year, and commented on the work plan for 2012. He indicated that CAEC should enhance institutional capacity building, establish cooperation network, and strengthen research work. Mr. Xu Qinghua said that the Department of International Cooperation of MEP will continue to support CAEC's work and endeavor to promote environmental cooperation between China and ASEAN.

Head of PRC Resident Mission of the Asian Development Bank Visited CAEC and Discussed Cooperation Initiatives



On 7 December 2011, Mr. Tang Dingding, Director-General of CAEC met in Beijing with Mr. Paul J. Heytens, Head of PRC Resident Mission (PRCM) of Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Mr. Liang Xuefeng, Director of Program and Regional cooperation Department of PRCM, and exchanged views on cooperation.

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Mr. Tang Dingding briefly introduced CAEC and the status of ASEAN-China environmental cooperation, and proposed cooperation with ADB on the implementation of ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Action Plan 2011-2013, specially in fields like capacity building.

Mr. Paul Heytens introduced ADB's initiatives in regional environmental cooperation. He claimed that CAEC has great potential in cooperation with ADB as an institution of regional environmental cooperation. He also proposed that the two sides should take step-by-step procedure on cooperation practice.

Senior Official of ASEAN-China Center Visited CAEC

On 10 January 2012, Mr. Tang Dingding, Director-General of CAEC met in Beijing with Mr. Li Tao, Director for General Coordination of ASEAN-China Center, and exchanged views on China-ASEAN cooperation. Mr. Tang Dingding welcomed Mr. Li Tao's visit, and gave a brief introduction on CAEC and the status and progress of environmental cooperation between ASEAN and China.

Mr. Li Tao introduced the institutional structure and functions of the ASEAN-China Center, which is an inter-governmental organization between China and ASEAN, and inaugurated during the 14th ASEAN-China summit. He proposed that the two institutions work together to enhance ASEAN-China cooperation. Both agreed to strengthen communication and support each other in their efforts to promote the ASEAN-China relationship.



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