



■ **CCICED Assistant Secretary General Fang Li Holds Talks with OECD Chair of Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct Roel Nieuwenkamp**



On February 18, 2014, Ms. Fang Li, Assistant Secretary General of CCICED and Deputy Director General of Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of MEP, met with the delegation led by Mr. Roel Nieuwenkamp, Chair of Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in Beijing and exchanged views on the prospect and fields of cooperation of the two sides.

Ms. Fang first expressed welcome on behalf of CCICED to Mr. Nieuwenkamp and then briefed on the development process and working mechanism of CCICED and policy study progress of the CCICED Phase V.

Mr. Nieuwenkamp introduced policy research findings of the working group in sustainable consumption, green investment, and mining industrial chain and the demonstration of multi-national business conduct guidelines in many developing countries. He also shared OECD's experiences and the progress in thematic studies conducted in China.

Finally, the two sides reached a consensus on mutually beneficial cooperation on green supply chain and green investment, including experience sharing, personnel exchanges, and policy research.

■ Inception and First Working Meeting of CCICED SPS on “Performance Evaluation of Action Plan for Air Pollution Prevention and Control and Regional Coordination Mechanism” Opens in Beijing



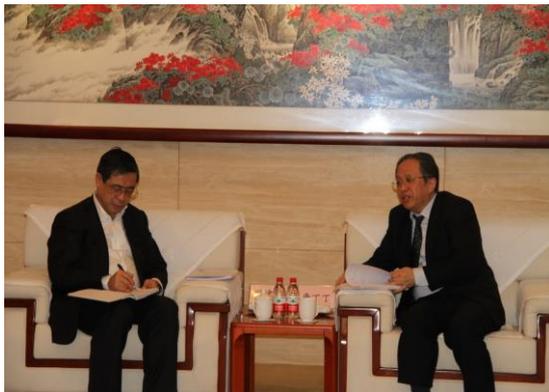
On February 27-28, the Inception and First Working Meeting of the Special Policy Study (SPS) on “Performance Evaluation of Action Plan for Air Pollution Prevention and Control and Regional Coordination Mechanism” launched by CCICED was held in Beijing. Mr. Tang Dingding, Deputy Secretary General of CCICED and Director General of Department of International Cooperation of MEP presided over the meeting. Mr. Zhao Yingmin, Director General of MEP Department of Pollution Prevention and Control, delivered a special report on behalf of MEP Vice Minister Mr. Zhai Qing. Mr. Xu Qinghua, CCICED Deputy Secretary General, Mr. Liu Bingjiang, Director General of MEP Department of Total Pollutants Control, and Ms. Fang Li, CCICED Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Director General of MEP Foreign Economic Cooperation Office attended the meeting and made speeches. Mr. Hao Jiming, Chinese Co-chair of the SPS, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, and Professor of Tsinghua University, Mr. Michael Walsh, International Co-chair of the SPS and Founding Chairman of the Board of the International Council on Clean Transportation attended the meeting. Other participants, including the SPS team and Chief Advisor Support Team, CCICED donors and partners, and media, totaled more than fifty.

Following the introduction of the outline of the SPS, experts and CCICED donors and partners commented on the research framework and expressed their needs and expectations for the SPS.

The Meeting discussed and outlined the research contents and work plan of the SPS, and finally reached a preliminary consensus. The SPS was intended to design an indicator and method system for performance evaluation of the Action Plan for Air Pollution Prevention and Control and pre-assess the effects of measures under the scheme, and on this basis, develop the long-term targets and roadmap for air pollution prevention and control towards the 13th Five-Year Plan and 2030. Meanwhile, the SPS would draw on the international experience combined with the research findings and propose the coordination mechanism for regional air pollution prevention and control and policy recommendations. It was agreed that the Second Working Meeting was to be held on May 26, 2014.

The SPS report will be completed in October 2014 and reported to CCICED 2014 Annual General Meeting scheduled in November 2014.

■ **Mr. Tang Dingding held talks with Mr. Cui Jindu, Tianjin Executive Vice Mayor**



On March 6, Mr. Tang Dingding, Director General of Department of International Cooperation of MEP and Deputy Secretary General of CCICED, held talks with the visiting Tianjin Executive Deputy Mayor Cui Jindu, on the arrangements of the high-level roundtable of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), CCICED 2014 Roundtable, policy pilot project on green supply chain in Tianjin, and building of APEC green supply chain platform.

Mr. Cui introduced the progress of the Tianjin green supply chain pilot project and suggested that CCICED strengthen guidance and support for the building of management system of Tianjin green supply chain, and that MEP and its departments provide technical and policy support to Tianjin for building the APEC green supply chain platform and creating a green financial center in Northeast Asia. Regarding the preparatory work for APEC high-level roundtable and CCICED 2014 Roundtable, Mr. Cui said that Tianjin would fully provide support in transportation, accommodation, catering, and security.

Mr. Tang warmly welcomed Mr. Cui and congratulated the significant progress on the Tianjin pilot project on Green Supply Chain. He noted that the results and experience were worth nationwide demonstration and could provide helpful experiences for MEP Department of Pollution Prevention and Control to extend the demonstration all over the country. He also expressed thanks for the strong support for APEC high-level roundtable and CCICED 2014 Roundtable Meeting.

With regards to building the APEC green supply chain platform and the green financial center in Northeast Asia, Mr. Tang suggested that the experts from China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center and MEP Foreign Economic Cooperation Office (FECO) could jointly push the work. He also suggested that Tianjin take the lead in the basic work for the national efforts to build Asian Infrastructure Bank and help the MEP reduce haze pollution, with emphasis on advance control of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Given the experiences achieved in green supply chain demonstration, Tianjin was also advised to continue cooperation with CCICED on the sustainable consumption pilot.

Mr. Cui thanked Mr. Tang for the strong support in promoting the green transformation in Tianjin and expressed the willingness to actively consider suggestions on strengthening VOCs control, emissions trading, and green consumption pilot.

After the meeting, Mr. Cui visited the International Convention on Environmental Compliance Building, accompanied by Mr. Tang Dingding, and Mr. Chen Liang,

MEP-FECO Deputy Director General, and Ms. Song Xiaozhi, Deputy Director General of MEP Department of International Cooperation.

■ **CCICED Deputy Secretary General Xu Qinghua Meets with IISD President Scott Vaughan**



On March 7, Mr. Xu Qinghua, Deputy Secretary General of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED), met with the delegation led by Scott Vaughan, President of International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) in Beijing. They reviewed the cooperation work between CCICED and

IISD, discussed the direction of the future work, and identified priority areas and contents for 2014.

Mr. Xu extended the welcome on behalf of CCICED to the delegation and briefly introduced CCICED 2014 work plan and the proposal for cooperation with IISD. Appreciating that, Mr. Scott Vaughan spoke highly of the close cooperation between the two sides and expressed willingness to promote the cooperation level.

The two sides agreed that the areas of priority in the upcoming years will be demonstration projects on sustainable consumption, personnel exchange/training programmes to enhance the capacity building of the two organizations, and English versions of Publications of CCICED reports.

For the principles on screening the indicators for evaluating the demonstration research projects, they agreed that IISD would draft the project proposal and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) would be invited to the project. Both hoped to kick off the project this year after identifying the appropriate demonstration areas.

■ Inception and First Working Meeting of CCICED SPS on “Green Accounting and Environmental Performance Evaluation” held in Beijing



On March 10-11, the Inception and First Working Meeting of the Special Policy Study (SPS) on “Green Accounting and Environmental Performance Evaluation” launched by CCICED was held in Beijing. Ms. Fang Li, Assistant Secretary General of CCICED and Deputy Director General of Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of MEP presided over the meeting. Mr. Xu Qinghua, CCICED Deputy Secretary General and Mr. Arthur Hanson, CCICED International Chief Adviser, attended the meeting and delivered the speech. Mr. Zhao Hualin, Director General of MEP Department of Planning and Finance, was invited as a guest speaker. Mr. Wang Jinnan, Chinese Co-chair of the SPS and Vice President and Chief Engineer of Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning, Mr. Scott Vaughan, International Co-chair of the SPS, as well as experts of the SPS, CCICED Chief Advisor Support Team, CCICED donors and partners, and CCICED Secretariat representatives attended the meeting, totaling around 40 people.

During the discussion session, CCICED donors and partners, CCICED Chief Advisor Support Team commented on the research framework and put forward suggestions for the future research work.

Finally, the First Working Meeting reached a preliminary consensus on the implementation plan, covering research content and plan and task assignment. The SPS would design route for cadres’ environmental audit policy based on the comparative study of environmental audits in China and abroad and researched on the framework, indicators and methods of environmental audits, and put forward policy recommendations for incorporating

environmental audit into the 13th Five-Year Plan and major environmental work. According to the work plan, the SPS report will be completed in October 2014 and reported to CCICED 2014 Annual General Meeting scheduled for November 2014.

