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■ The 1st CCICED Chief Advisor and Secretariat Joint Working

Meeting was held in Beijing

On January 10, the first CCICED Chief Advisor and Secretariat Joint Working Meeting was held in Beijing. It was co-chaired by Chinese and International Chief Advisors, Academician Shen Guofang, and Dr. Arthur Hanson. More than 20 persons attended the meeting, including Mr. Hao Jiming, Professor of School of Environment, Tsinghua University, and Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering; Mr. Ren Yong, CCICED Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Director General of Department of Human Resources and Institutional Arrangement, Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP); Ms. Fang Li, CCICED Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Director General of MEP Foreign Economic Cooperation Office (FECO); Ms. Zhou Guomei, Deputy Leader of the Chief Advisor Supporting Team (ST) and Deputy Director General of China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center (ECC). The representatives from the CCICED ongoing policy research project, members of the ST, and staffs from the CCICED Secretariat and Secretariat International Support Office (SISO) attended the meeting.

In the meeting, the coordinator of "Task Force on Evaluation and Prospects for a Green Transition Process in China" reported the working progress and follow-up arrangements, and the Chief Advisors and Supporting Team made comments and suggestions on the further work of the Task Force. The meeting also discussed and commented on the new CCICED Work plan in 2014 and the new research project concept papers involving the "Ecological civilization and environmental management system innovation", "Urbanization development mode and system based on ecological civilization", "Innovation of the ecological environmental red-line system", "Green accounting and environmental performance assessment", and "Performance assessment of air pollution prevention plans and regional coordination system".

In the end, the meeting reviewed the proposals submitted by the Council members. It was agreed that the Chief Advisors and Supporting Team would submit final comments to the Secretariat before January 17 and then feedback to council members. Additionally, it was agreed that the ST would speed up the preparations for the new projects and endeavor to start all projects before mid-February.

“The second CCICED Chief Advisor and Secretariat Joint Working Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2014.



■ The Fourth Strategic Salon of CCICED was Convened in Beijing



On January 11, 2014, the Fourth Strategic Salon of China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) convened in Beijing. The salon followed the theme of “comprehensively deepening reform and promoting modernization of environmental governance”, and was attended by Tang Dingding, CCICED Vice Secretary General and Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), Xu Qinghua, CCICED Vice Secretary General, Ren Yong, CCICED Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Director General (leading roles of

departments or equivalents) of MEP Department of Human Resources and Institutional Arrangement, Fang Li, CCICED Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Director of MEP Foreign Economic Cooperation Office (FECO), Zhou Guomei, Deputy Coordinator of the Chief Advisor Support Team (ST) and Deputy Director General of China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center (ECC), as well as concerned personnel from the CCICED Secretariat.

The experts present at the salon shared their views on the theme and deeply discussed how to fulfill the requirements of accelerating the construction of the ecological civilization system proposed in the Third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee to protect ecological environment based on the system and promote the transformation of China's environmental management mode from the traditional government-dominant mode, administrative management mode, task mobilization mode, and functional and technical mode into the modern national governance mode.

The experts and scholars at the meeting observed that China's development concentrates the course of hundreds of years of economic development and environmental pollution of developed countries into a short time. Currently, China's biggest challenge is complete environmental governance in a relatively short time at such a concentrated scale, so as to accelerate the construction of a beautiful China. To achieve this, comprehensive and in-depth reform is required, as is demand for more focus on systematic, integral, and cooperative reform so as to accelerate the development of socialism market economy, democratic politics, advanced culture, harmonious society and ecological civilization.

Experts present at the salon included: Wang Jin, Professor of Peking University Law School and Director of the Research Center of Resources, Energy and Environmental Law of Peking University, Xia Guang, Researcher and Director of MEP Policy Research Center, Zhang Haibin, Professor of the School of International Studies of Peking University and Director of the Research Institute on International Business and Management of Peking University, Zhang Shiqiu, Professor of the College of Environmental Sciences and

Engineering of Peking University and President of the Research Institute of Environment and Economy of Peking University, Zhang Xiao, Researcher of the Center for Environment & Development of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Chief Editor of *China Environment and Development Review*, Professor Ren Jiantao from the Department of Political Science, School of International Studies, Renmin University of China, Tang Jun, Researcher of the Institute of Sociology of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Secretary General of the Social Policy Research Centre, Yuan Ruijun, Associate Professor of the School of Government of Peking University and Executive Director of the Centre for Civil Society Studies of Peking University, and Zhao Chenggen, Professor of the School of Government of Peking University and President of the Clean Energy Research Institute of Peking University.

■ Mr. Xu Qinghua met with the delegates from the Global Green Growth Institute



On January 16, 2014, Mr. Xu Qinghua, Vice Secretary General of CCICED met with the delegation from the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in Beijing. The two parties exchanged ideas on their work and discussed the possibility of future cooperation.

Mr. Xu Qinghua firstly expressed warm welcome to the delegation led by Mr. Romani, Deputy Director-General of the GGGI, and then briefly introduced the history of CCICED, work mechanism, and progress of policy researches and members' status.

Mr. Romani thanked Mr. Xu Qinghua for his time, and then introduced the GGGI and three major fields of work, including green growth research, knowledge development management, and interdepartmental cooperation.

In the end, both sides agreed that CCICED and GGGI shared many common interests, such as environmental management and technology development route. Good prospects are

expected for further cooperation between the two organizations.

■ Ms. Fang Li met with delegates from UNEP China Office

On January 27, 2014, Ms. Fang Li, Assistant Secretary General of CCICED, met with the delegation led by Mr. Zhang Shigang, Coordinator of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) China Office in Beijing. Both sides exchanged views on the priorities of bilateral cooperation in 2014 and on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED) to be held in Nairobi in June.

Ms. Fang briefly introduced the CCICED's 2014 work priorities and the preparatory work progress made for UNCED scheduled for June in Kenya. In order to strengthen bilateral cooperation and promote the implementation of the signed MOU on Strategic Cooperation between the two organizations, Ms. Fang invited UNEP to recommend distinguished experts for involvement in CCICED policy researches and Chief Advisors' Supporting Team's Work. She suggested that both sides take advantage of their information platforms in sharing data, experience and achievements in policy researches, and expected UNEP to provide appropriate training information and opportunities for capacity building. She added that CCICED would provide positive support to UNEP for the preparation of UNCED under the arrangements of Department of International Cooperation, MEP.

Mr. Zhang responded positively to Ms. Fang's suggestion. He briefed on UNEP's work in green finance, sustainable consumption, and cross-border coordination for air pollution control, and expressed willingness to push bilateral cooperation through experts' support and information sharing. He also pointed out that UNEP would give high attention to the cooperation with the Chinese side during the UNCED preparations.



In the end, both sides had in-depth exchanges in a warm and harmonious atmosphere, and envisaged bright prospects for

cooperation in 2014.



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