



## 【ASEAN-China Cooperation Activities】

**Vice Minister Wu Xiaoqing of the MEP Met with Thailand Officials**

On July 13rd, 2012, Mr. Wu Xiaoqing, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (MEP) met with Mr. Kecha Saksomboon, the Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Transportation of Thailand in Beijing, China. They exchanged views on some issues including environmental management of the high speed railway.

Mr. Wu Xiaoqing introduced the major mandates and functions of the MEP, as well as the situation of environmental management of the high speed railway in China. He indicated that the environmental impact of the high speed railway projects is very broad. One predominant problem is the impact of noise. The MEP has taken a set of effective measures to establish a modern, resource-efficient and ecology-friendly high speed railway system.

Mr. Kecha Saksomboon said that Thailand and China share many common concerns in various fields, particularly in the field of environmental protection. In his view, there is a big potential for environmental cooperation between Thailand and China.

**Chinese Delegation Attended 2012 ASEAN Environment Year Celebration**

The 2012 ASEAN Environment Year (AEY) Celebration was launched in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 17th-18th, 2012. Delegates from ASEAN Member States, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea as partners attended the event.

The ASEAN Environment Year is an event held once every three years to showcase ASEAN's achievements in the field of environmental protection and management. AEY was first initiated in 1995.

This year's event themed 'Environmental Awareness through Eco-Schools' was focused on the role schools play in improving the awareness of their pupils on the importance of protecting the environment and conserving nature. To highlight the occasion, the 2012 ASEAN

Eco-Schools Award was presented to 20 schools around ASEAN.



The event also provided an opportunity for government officials and schools principals from ASEAN Member States to exchange views on environmental education policies and best practices on eco-schools initiatives.

## Workshop on Asian Green Economy Policies Held in China



On May 29th 2012, a workshop on green economy policies was held in Nanning, China. The workshop was jointly sponsored by the Environmental Development Centre (EDC) of the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), China and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and was organized by CAEC. A total number of 18 environmental officials from 7 ASEAN countries (i.e. Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia,

Philippines, and Vietnam) attended the workshop. Also, officials and experts from the Ministry of Commerce of China, the Export-Import Bank of China, CAEC, China Environmental United Certification Center, Department of Environmental Protection of Guangxi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and JICA participated in the workshop.

The workshop was designed to demonstrate the policies and practices in green economy in Sino-Japan cooperation to the participants. As the good showcase, a field trip to the Sino-Japan cooperation project sites located in Nanning and Liuzhou respectively was arranged for the participants during the workshop.

## ASEAN–China Workshop on Green Economy & Environmental Management

On July 15-21 2012, the ASEAN-China Workshop on Green Economy & Environmental Management (hereafter referred as the “Workshop”) was held in Beijing, China. 21 representatives from ASEAN, including environment officials from 5 Greater Mekong Sub-region countries and ASEAN Secretariat joined the Workshop. The Workshop was held by the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP), China and was organized by CAEC. Mr. Tang Dingding, the Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation (DIC) of MEP, Ms. Song Xiaozhi, Deputy Director-General of DIC attended the workshop. The workshop was moderated by Ms. Zhou Guomei, Deputy Director-General of CAEC .



Experts from research institutes of MEP, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Environmental Defense Fund, China Beijing Environment Exchange (CBEEEX), and Beijing Tsinghua University presented in the workshop. They exchanged views on environmental policies and practices with the attendees. The Rio+20 updates and achievements were also discussed in the workshop.



CAEC organized a field visit to an urban integrated waste treatment center. The representatives discussed with local environmental officials on urban environmental governance issues with local officials, such as treatment of household garbage and ecology conservation in urban areas.



The Workshop was part of the ASEAN-China Green Envoys Program, which is a flagship program set up in the ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Action Plan 2011-2013. The ASEAN-China Green Envoys program was designed to enhance the awareness of decision makers and the public on environmental protection through various forms of activities, such as personnel exchange, joint trainings and seminars. To date, as the executive organization of the Green Envoys program,

CAEC has organized various activities from high-level dialogue to youth education and exchange programs among ASEAN and China, and have achieved great improvement in the public awareness of environmental protection over the region.



## 【Information about CAEC】

### UNEP Officials Visited CAEC

On May 23th 2012, Mrs. Satwant Kaur, Information Officer in United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for Asia Pacific and Mr. Zhang Shigang, Representative of UNEP China Office visited CAEC. Mr. Guo Jing, Acting Director-General of CAEC met with the guests.

During the meeting, Mr. Guojing briefly introduced the basic information of CAEC, and the cooperation progress achieved between ASEAN Member States and China. Ms. Kaur introduced the main focuses of the UNEP Regional Office for Asia Pacific, and stated that CAEC is a platform for regional environmental cooperation. She expressed expectations to cooperation with CAEC in regional projects in the future.

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