

Profile of Binhai Forum

1. Background Information:

Cities, which comprise over half of the world's population, are an important sign of modern civilization and have become the center of human economic and political life. Meanwhile, urban citizens consume 70% of the world's energy, but produce 75% of the world's garbage and discharge and 80% of the world's carbon dioxide. Therefore, urban development is closely linked to prominent issues regarding things such as global climate, resources, and the environment. Coordinating to solve the environmental resource problems caused by urban development, as well as jointly exploring ways to construct a low-carbon, green Eco-City have been of common interest to government leaders and enterprises from countries around the world.

The Eco-City was a concept presented by UNESCO in the 1970s when they first initiated "Human & Biosphere." The Eco-City embodies the notion that urban development should adhere to the idea of people and nature developing together in harmony. Constructed as a composite eco-system, the Eco-City will lead to reduced energy consumption and a smaller effect on the ecological environment. The Eco-City is the only way to realize urban sustainable development and to promote a future trend of urban construction and development.

In the midst of a new century and a new stage of economic growth, the acceleration of the "opening-up" and development of the Tianjin Binhai New Area has been an important national strategy implemented by the Central Government and State Council of China. Under the leadership of the CPC Tianjin Committee and the Municipal Government of Tianjin, great achievements have been made in the Tianjin Binhai New Area, especially in economic development, social harmony and the construction of a beautiful eco-residential city. In 2008, the Sino-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City project started with the framework agreement signed between the two governments of China and Singapore, marking Tianjin as having entered upon a new stage of general development on a green, low-carbon Eco-City which can be exercised, popularized and duplicated and will become the model and showcase for urban sustainable development in China and the rest of world.

Therefore, the Binhai Forum will fully demonstrate the Chinese Government's strong determination in tackling global climate change. The forum will also promote and introduce concrete achievements in the Eco-City's construction, as well as in the development of a low-carbon economy in China.

Mr. ZENG Peiyan, Chairman of the CCIEE, and Mr. ZHANG Gaoli, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC & Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Committee, will act as Honorary Chairmen of the Organizing Committee of the Binhai Forum. Mr. HUANG Xingguo, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Tianjin Committee & Mayor of Tianjin, will be the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

2. Theme of Binhai Forum

Perpetual Theme: Eco-City creates Harmonious Future

While tackling global climate change seriously, China is actively promoting the construction of the Eco-City to the outside world and has carried out many innovative policies to encourage its development. These policies were designed to improve creative drive, stimulate endogenous growth, increase domestic demand, and speed up the change in the economic development pattern. The Binhai Forum will provide workable comments and proposals for Government policy, an extensive market and stage for enterprises, as well as a wonderful blueprint describing a harmonious future.

2010 Subject: **Eco-City & Green Recovery**

As the global economy faces a difficult recovery, Binhai Forum will focus on the subject of "Eco-City & Green Recovery." It will revolve around topics such as climate change, low-carbon technology, green economics, expansion of domestic demand, new energy and technology, multilateral cooperation, Eco-finance policy, Eco-city theory, and construction practices. It will also explore how the development of the Eco-City is using the key functions of policy, technology, and finance in order to make a unique contribution to a true green recovery.

3. Date & Venue

Date: Sept. 28, 2010

Venue: Binhai International Convention Center, Tianjin, PRC

4. Language

Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese and English language will be offered during the whole programme.

5. Program (tentative)

on Monday, Sept. 27th

Registration All day

18:00–19:30 Welcome Dinner

on Tuesday, Sept. 28th

09:00–10:00 Opening Ceremony

10:00–10:20 Tea Break

10:20–12:20 Main Forum: Eco–City & Green Recovery

12:30–13:45 Buffet Lunch

14:00–17:30 Workshops

Workshop 1: Eco–City & Green Economy

Workshop 2: Innovative Development on Theory & Practice of Eco–Cities

Workshop 3: Dreams & Challenges: Technological Integration in Eco–City'sonstruction

Workshop 4: Corporate Social Responsibilities under Green Coexistence

Workshop 5: Harmonious Interdependence – Spiritual Home of Eco–Cities

18:30–20:35 Closing Banquet

on Wednesday, Sept. 29th

09:00–12:00 Visit Binhai New District

12:00–14:00 Buffet Lunch