

OECD-China Co-operation on Environment

2003-2004

Activities in 2004

- ❖ participation of the Chinese Deputy Environment Minister, along with Ministers from other non-OECD Member countries, in the OECD Environment Ministers Meeting (20-21 April 2004, Paris);
- ❖ agreement and launching an Environmental Performance Review of China within the OECD Programme of Environmental Performance Reviews;
- ❖ report on Environment and Governance in China as a contribution to the OECD horizontal study on Governance in China;
- ❖ participation of ENV staff in a series of meeting on trade and environment, including:
 - ❖ meeting of the Task Force on WTO and Environment under the CCIECD - China Council For International Cooperation on Environment and Development (28-30 June, Beijing);
 - ❖ seminar on Doha Negotiations on Trade and Environment: Challenges and Opportunities for China (1 July, Beijing);
 - ❖ training workshop on Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development (2-3 July, Beijing);
- ❖ OECD-China workshop on the Council Decision on Mutual Acceptance of Data for Chemicals (13-14th September, Shenyang);
- ❖ OECD participation in the meeting of the CCICED (29-31 October, Beijing) and its Task Force on Environmental and Natural Resource Pricing and Taxation;
- ❖ invitation of the Chinese officials and experts to the USAEP/OECD Forum on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in Asia (20-21 October, Bangkok).

Activities in 2003:

- signing OECD-China Memorandum of Understanding on environmental activities in 2003/2004;
- implementation (missions, analysis, expert seminars) of the project to assist China in developing an effective and realistic environmental financing strategy (EFS) in the urban water supply and sanitation sector in Sichuan Province. The final workshop help in April 2004 and the project report is finalised;
- organization of, the OECD-China seminar on Environmental Indicators, 15 and 16th December 2003 in Paris. This was held under the auspices of the OECD Working Group on Environmental Information and Outlooks (WGEIO) and in co-operation with the State Environmental Protection Administration of China (SEPA). The seminar was followed by a study tour of the Chinese Delegation to France and United Kingdom on environmental and sustainable development indicators;
- participation of the OECD, as observer, in the China Council for International Co-operation on Environment and Development (CCICED). The results of OECD work on environmental finance were presented to the CCICED Task Force on Financial Mechanisms for Environmental Protection;
- participation of Chinese experts in the meetings organised within the framework of the OECD Environmental Policy Committee and the OECD Global Forum on Sustainable Development devoted to climate change China (AIXG Seminars in 2003 and 2004 and on Future Developments in Climate Change Policy) and financing of environmental infrastructure.
- presentations and provision of documentation to officials and experts from the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Agriculture on the OECD system of Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) for Chemicals;
- Hong Kong, China has been an observer to the JWP Trade and Environment for some time. This status is in the process of being extended. There are no problems with getting an extension, although they have been on-off participants.