



Workshop on Strengthening the CAI-Asia PRC Network

29-30 May 2006 Beijing Friendship Hotel, Beijing, PRC

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Background

The Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities (CAI-Asia) People's Republic of China (PRC) Project (Project) is a joint project of PRC State Environment Protection Administration (SEPA), Asian Development Bank, and CAI-Asia, supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Energy Foundation, and DEKRA AG. Established in July 2005 in Beijing, the Project aims "to promote better air quality management (AQM) in selected Chinese cities."

In October 2005, a project inception workshop was held. As a follow-up to the workshop, the CAI-Asia PRC Project Office (Project Office) staff undertook a survey of the status of AQM system in Chinese cities. The Project Office visited seven cities in 2005 to validate the survey questionnaire results and gather more AQM information. The answers to the questionnaires and the data gathered from the cities formed the basis of the draft Project Work Plan 2006.

A workshop on "Strengthening the CAI-Asia PRC Network" will be held on 29-30 May 2006 in Beijing. This workshop aims to: (i) achieve buy-in for the draft Project Work Plan 2006; (ii) discuss the relevance of establishing a Chinese city network as a venue to exchange experiences about and replicate best practices in AQM; (iii) clarify the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders including SEPA, Project Office, cities, academe, non-government organizations, private sector, and development agencies preparing for key events such as the Better Air Quality 2006 (BAQ 2006) workshop; and (iv) allow selected cities to present their air pollution control systems as a means of exchanging information and sharing experiences.

Tentative Program

Time	Subject	Speaker
Day One - Monday,	29 May 2006	

9.00 – 9.45 am	Session 1: Workshop Opening	Chair: Wang Xin, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, State Environmental Protection Administration
9.00 – 9.10 am	Opening Remarks	Song Xiaozhi, Deputy Director, Pollution Control Department, State Environmental Protection Administration
9.10 – 9.15 am		Ren Hongyan, Deputy Division Director, Pollution Control Department, State
9.15 – 9.20 am		Environmental Protection Administration Kong Ha, Chairperson, Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities

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9.20 – 9.25 am		Li Yong, Senior Project Officer, Asian Development Bank
9.25 – 9.30 am		Cornie Huizenga, Head of the CAI-Asia Secretariat
9.30 – 9.50 am	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
9.50 – 2.00 pm	Session 2: Work Plan to Promote Better Air Quality Management in PRC in 2006	Chair: Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, State Environmental Protection Administration
9.50 – 10.10 am	SEPA Priorities for urban air quality management in PRC	Ren Hongyan, Deputy Division Director, Pollution Control Department, State Environmental Protection Administration
10.10 – 10.40 am	Presentation CAI-Asia PRC Project workplan	Tang Dagang, Senior Network Coordinator, CAI-Asia PRC Project
10.40 – 12.00 am	Opportunities for participation by CAI-Asia PRC Project cities in: 1) The World Bank Urban Air Quality Management Training Courses	Hideaki KOYANAGI, IGES
	2) Other training courses: Asia Pro Eco AQM training course and Starter Course on UAQM	Fu Lixin, Focal point of CATNet-Asia in PRC, Tsinghua University
	3) Policy Dialogues through AQM experts with selected cities	Cornie Huizenga, Head of CAI-Asia Secretariat
11.30 – 12.30 am	4) Pilot projects Questions and Discussion	Kong Ha, CAI-Asia Chairperson
12.30 – 12.45 am	Summary of discussion and follow- up actions	Cornie Huizenga, Head of CAI-Asia Secretariat
12.45 – 2.00 pm	LUNCH	Secretariat
2.00 – 5.00 pm	Session 3: Learning from Successful AQM Practices of Other Chinese Cities	Chair: Cornie Huizenga, Head of CAI-Asia Secretariat
	Integrated Air Quality Management	
2.00 – 3.00 pm	Plan for Taiyuan in Shaanxi Province	Zhang Dingsheng, Shanxi Environmental Information Center
3.00 – 4.00 pm		Maria Pia Ancora, Sino Italian Cooperation Program for Environmental Protection and Liu Fenglei, Suzhou Environmental Monitoring Station
4.00 – 6.00 pm	Discussion on: 1. What lessons from the Taiyuan and Suzhou experiences are useful for the other cities? 2. Would cities have the resources to replicate the Suzhou and Taiyuan projects? What type of assistance, if any, would the cities require?	Cation

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6.00 pm	DINNER	Hosted by the State Environmental Protection Administration			
Day Two - Tuesday, 30 May 2006					
9.00 – 9.15 pm	Session 4: PRC participation in the Better Air Quality 2006 Workshop	Chair: Kong Ha, Chairperson, Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities			
9.00 – 9.15 pm	PRC Participation in Better Air Quality 2006	Cornie Huizenga, Head of CAI-Asia Secretariat			
9.15 – 11.00 am	Session 5: Overview of AQM efforts by CAI-Asia PRC Project cities	Chair: Tang Dagang, Senior Network Coordinator, CAI-Asia PRC Project			
9.15 – 11.30 am 11.30 –11.45 am	Presentations by participating cities COFFEE/TEA BREAK				
11.45 – 12.00 am	Session 6: Closing Session	Chair: Kong Ha, CAI-Asia Chairperson			
11.45 –12.00 am	Closing Remarks	Wang Xin, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, State Environmental Protection Administration Cornie Huizenga, Head of Secretariat, CAl- Asia			