

# Focusing on the Global Environment and Strengthening the International Cooperation of Civil Society Organizations

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## All China Environment Federation (ACEF)

- Biggest and most influential CSO in China
- To organize and solidify all kinds of CSOs
- To promote wide participation of the public
- To safeguard the environmental rights of the public
- To contribute to the protection of global environment and sustainable development

# China's Environmental Situation

- Rapid economic development & Environmental problems
- The contradiction between environment and development
- Environmental pollution & ecological degradation
- The pollution of water and soil
- The total amount of major pollutants discharged

# China's Environmental Situation

- First 20 years of this Century
- Population will go on increasing
- The total volume of its economy will be quadrupled
- The demand for resources will grow continuously
- The environmental pressure will be greater

# China's Environmental Situation

- Environmental protection & sustainable development
- Objective of establishing a resource-saving and environmentally friendly society
- The National Leading Group
- Commitments (Energy consumption per unit GDP, CO<sub>2</sub>, the total discharge of the major pollutants)
- SO<sub>2</sub> & COD in 2007 and in 2008

# China's Environmental Situation

- The year 2008
- Ministry of Environmental Protection
- Circular Economy Promotion Law
- Snow-storm and earthquake
- Beijing's air quality during Olympic Games

# Environmental CSOs in China

- ACEF conduct the second survey on the status quo of China's Environmental CSOs in 2008 after the first survey in 2005
- Report on the Development of China's Environmental CSOs
- Data Base on China's Environmental CSOs

## Number of China's environmental CSOs

- By the end of October 2008
- 3539 environmental CSOs in China (Including Hongkong, Macau, Taiwan)
- 1309 CSOs initiated by the government
- 1382 students' unions and associations
- 508 grass root environmental NGOs
- 90 branches of international NGOs

# Functions of China's environmental CSOs

- Influencing government environmental policies
- Supervising the government in exercising their responsibilities
- Protecting environmental rights of the public
- Promoting the public participation
- Developing international cooperation and exchange

# ACEF (Annual Meeting)

- Annual Meeting of Environmental CSOs on Sustainable Development each year
- To promote mutual understanding
- To strengthen cooperation among CSOs
- 2008 Annual Meeting (ACEF + 8 CSOs)
- Theme: Promoting Public Participation & Low-Carbon Economy

# 7th Asia-Europe People's Forum

- 7th Asia – Europe People's Forum
- Workshop on Climate Change and Ecological Justice from Asian and European People's Perspectives
- To call on governments from Asia and Europe hand in hand in combating climate change
- “Common but differentiated responsibilities”
- To urge developed countries to fulfill their commitments in technology transfer to developing countries



# Suggestions (I)

Governments should reinforce their help and support to environmental CSOs

- Support (trust, guidance, information and necessary funds)
- Government malfunction & Market malfunction
- Rational and procedural activities
- Bridge between government, market, the public
- Role of buffering and decompression

## Suggestions (II)

Environmental CSOs should take the road of sustainable development

- To clarify our identity
- To strengthen our own capacity building
- To pay attention to the human resource development

## Suggestions (III)

Environmental CSOs should strengthen international exchange and cooperation

- Worsening of global financial crisis
- Slowdown of international economic growth
- To work together
- Bilateral and multilateral cooperation
- To contribute to the solution of global environmental problems



Thank you

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