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Green Lancang -Mekong Initiative



The Lancang-Mekong River

The Lancang-Mekong River, with length of 4880 km and total area of 810,000 square kilometers, is the sixth largest river of the world. The part in the territory of China is called Lancang River, with length of 2198 km.

The Lancang-Mekong River originated from the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and flows from north to south through China's Qinghai, Tibet, Yunnan provinces and Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. It flows into the South China Sea from the Mekong Delta near Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The Lancang-Mekong River is important in Asia.

"Sharing River" is the specific and vivid description of the fact that Lancang-Mekong countries share future.



(Source of picture: Xinhuanet)

《Sanya Declaration of the First Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting》and 《Joint Statement on Production Capacity Cooperation Among Lancang-Mekong Countries》 were released on the First Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting.

Proposal of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center

In March 2016, Premier Li Keqiang proposed the initiative at the First Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting that "China is willing to jointly establish Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation with Mekong countries to strengthen technical cooperation, talent and information exchange, promote green coordination and sustainable development", indicating that establishing of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center was formally incorporated into the Lancang-Mekong dialogue and cooperation mechanism which was advocated by China.

Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation, which will be based on the principle of "pragmatic forward, steady progress, pioneering and innovative", in close connection with the environmental and development issues and regional environmental cooperation needs in Lancang-Mekong countries, will operate in the mode of government guidance, multi-party participation, and project-oriented. With the joint support of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, several capacity-building projects have been carried out in advance in the framework of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation.

About LMEC: Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) is an initiative proposed by Chinese Premier LI Keqiang at the 1st Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting and was established on November of 2017.



Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center and Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative

With the support of the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center will launch the Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative in 2017. The main work of the Green Lancang-Mekong Program Phase 1 includes:

- Jointly generate Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy
- Start up “Green Lancang-Mekong- capacity building” plan
- Carry out Lancang-Mekong sustainable infrastructure construction investment cooperation
- Promote Lancang-Mekong ecosystem management cooperation
- Enhance jointly research, release 《Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Outlook》

Position of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center

- Promote sustainable development in the six countries of the subregion
- Promote cooperation in the Lancang-Mekong ecological Environmental protection
- Provide a dialogue platform for regional environment and development policy
- Promote regional environmental management capacity

Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative

The Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative aims to promote the sustainable development of the six countries in the subregion and promote the Lancang-Mekong ecological environmental protection cooperation; provide a dialogue platform for environmental and development policy in the subregion countries to enhance environmental management capacity; and strengthen regional countries capacity-building cooperation. The Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative consists of four major parts:

- Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation strategy and action plan
- Mainstreaming of Lancang-Mekong Environmental policy
- Lancang-Mekong Environmental capacity building plan
- Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation partnership plan



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