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Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Week 2020 : Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative Video Meeting Held Successfully

During the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Week 2020, under the guidance of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE) of China and the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation China Secretariat, the Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of MEE /Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) held video conferences respectively with representatives of the Ministry of Environment (MoE) of Cambodia and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) of Laos to discuss topics on advancing the Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative. The meetings are among environmental cooperation activities of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Week 2020.

On March 25, 2020, LMEC held the video meeting with MoE of Cambodia. At the meeting, LMEC representatives briefed about the results of the Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative achieved in 2019, covering policy dialogue, capacity building, joint research, and demonstration projects. Particularly, they introduced the arrangements for environmental cooperation activities in 2020, and suggested the specific directions for cooperation under the framework of the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy.

The representative of MoE of Cambodia first spoke highly of China's firm measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and then appreciated the LMEC's important role in promoting regional cooperation. Noting the video meeting was very timely, they said



Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation demonstration projects strengthen regional sustainable development





The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Week has been successfully held for two sessions since 2018, fully demonstrating the unique charm and rich results of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation. Affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, the activities originally planned by the LMEC will be postponed, but emails, online video meetings and other forms will be used to facilitate smooth exchanges and sound coordination, bolster cooperation confidence, and ensure the steady progress of cooperation projects.

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that Cambodia will, as always, support relevant activities carried out by LMEC. On Cambodia's better engagement in Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation, they hoped that the two sides can conduct in-depth exchanges on issues such as plastic pollution prevention and control and wetland ecosystem protection in the Tonle Sap region in the future. In addition, the two sides discussed how to promote this year's cooperation projects in an orderly manner amid the COVID-19 pandemic breakout.

On March 27, 2020, LMEC held the video meeting with the MONRE of Laos to discuss Laos' participation in Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation activities. At the meeting, representatives from the two sides conducted exchanges on the progress of China-Laos environmental cooperation demonstration project under the Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative. Since the COVID-19 outbreak has affected the implementation of the demonstration project, the two sides stated that they will communicate in a timely manner and make early preparations to accelerate the implementation after the pandemic is over. In addition, LMEC representatives introduced the achievements made in 2019 and the environmental cooperation arrangements for 2020 under the Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative, in expectation of the active participation of the Laos side in related activities.

MONRE of Laos representatives said that during the fight against the pandemic, China and Laos help each other to overcome difficulties, fully demonstrating that the two countries are a community of shared future. They recognized that in recent years, the LMEC has played an important role in promoting regional environmental cooperation and improving regional environmental management capacity. The Lao side will actively cooperate with LMEC to promote the early implementation of the China-Laos environmental cooperation demonstration project, and will also continue to support the activities carried out by LMEC.



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.