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Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative: China-Laos Exchange Seminar on Solid Wastes Disposal Has Been Held Successfully



China-Laos Exchange Seminar on Solid Wastes Disposal was successfully held on October 19, 2020 in an online format. The seminar was organized by Lancang-Mekong Environment Cooperation Center under Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO), the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China. A total of about 160 participants from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of LAO PDR (MNRE), the departments of natural resources and environment at the Laos provincial levels, Department of Solid Wastes and Chemicals, Tsinghua University and other institutions of both sides attended the seminar.

The seminar aims to implement the consensus reached by the environment ministers of both sides during the visit in June 2020, which identified the joint efforts to enhance Laos' capacity in solid wastes disposal through experience exchange and sharing.

The Minister Sommath Pholsena from MNRE attended the seminar. Zhai Guiying, the deputy head of FECO, and Lonekham Atsanavong, the head of the Department of Pollution Control and Monitoring under MNRE delivered opening speeches.





Zhai stated that under the guidance of the eco-civilization initiative proposed by President Xi Jinping, China’s prevention and control of solid wastes have secured positive outcomes. While addressing environmental issues, China also extensively partnered with the international community to facilitate green low-carbon transformation at both the global and regional scales. The seminar was intended to share China’s practice and experience in solid wastes disposal with Laos, deepen their cooperation, so as to contribute to the implementation of the UN sustainable development goal in specific regions and across the world.



Lonekham Atsanavong briefed that the Laos government has placed significant emphasis on green and sustainable development by passing a number of laws and regulations on solid wastes disposal, in a bid to improve the living environment of the Laotian people. MNRE has released the “The Vision Towards 2030: National Strategy and Action Plan on Pollution Control”, which put forward the vision of building Laos into a green, clean, and beautiful country. The seminar is hoped to promote mutual learning and exchange of practices between the two countries.

During the seminar, Chinese experts focused on briefing China’s policies on management of imported solid wastes, China’s policies for and tendency of waste plastics disposal, as well as practices and technologies for domestic wastes disposal. In return, the Laos side also conducted in-depth exchanges with the Chinese experts on existing issues regarding the incomplete legal system in this regard, substandard and insufficient environmental infrastructure, and lack of public participation.

In the end, Minister Sommath Pholsena concluded that Laos will study China’s effective practices and hopes to continue sharing experiences in solid wastes disposal by inviting more Chinese experts to Laos to deliver lectures, in the expectation of helping the Laos develop its solid wastes disposal planning and improve its legal framework in this respect.



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