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Fifth Anniversary of the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center Work Meeting Held in Beijing

Fifth Anniversary of the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center Work Meeting was held in Beijing on 23 November, 2022. The event was held by the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center / Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (MEE). Representatives from the Department of International Cooperation of MEE, Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Lancang-Mekong Cooperation China Secretariat, China Institute of International Studies, China Foreign Affairs University, International Economic and Technical Cooperation and Exchange Center of the Ministry of Water Resources, International Cooperation Center of National Development and Reform Commission, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Center, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce, and Peking University attended the Meeting. Zhang Yujun, Director-General of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center and Sun Xuefeng, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of MEE delivered opening remarks. The Meeting was chaired by Li Yonghong, Deputy Director-General of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center. Geng Cong, representative of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Lancang-Mekong Cooperation China Secretariat, delivered special remarks.



Zhang Yujun, Director-General of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center / Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of MEE, pointed out that since its establishment, Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC) has been actively promoting the implementation of the “Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative”. Through carrying out policy dialogues, capacity building, joint research and demonstration projects, LMEC has been promoting connectivity between Lancang-Mekong region and the rest of the world and building a platform for regional exchanges in environment and climate. LMEC has also been providing science-based knowledge products and solutions for Lancang-Mekong green, low-carbon and sustainable development, and promoting the implementation of “small and beautiful” demonstration projects and continue to carry out practical cooperation in Lancang-Mekong region. In the future, LMEC will work with Mekong countries to jointly develop and implement the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Framework 2023-2027, promote the realization of 2030 SDGs and build the Lancang-Mekong region into a pilot zone for the Global Development Initiative.



Sun Xuefeng, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation of MEE, pointed out that the establishment of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center was proposed at the First Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders’ Meeting in 2016. In the past five years, environmental authorities of Lancang-Mekong countries have been engaged in environmental cooperation under the coordination of LMEC. Impressive progress has been made in jointly addressing global and regional environmental challenges, developing low-carbon and sustainable infrastructure, implementing demonstration projects in climate and environment, and promoting sustainable ecosystem management. It is hoped that LMEC will be able to further improve the global competitiveness and influence of Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation through adopting more ambitious plans and taking more practical actions.



Geng Cong extended his congratulations to the 5th anniversary of the establishment of LMEC, and pointed out that as a deliverable of the First Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders' Meeting, LMEC has been making constant efforts to promote coordinated development of the economy, the society and the environment in the six Lancang-Mekong countries. In the past five years, actions have been taken to explore for a sustainable development path towards economic prosperity, social progress and environmental improvement, so as to achieve a win-win situation among economic development, livelihood improvement and environmental protection. Lancang-Mekong Cooperation China Secretariat will continue to support LMEC and make greater contributions to the long-term sustainable development of the region and the wellbeing of the people.



Representatives attending the meeting recognized the progress of Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation and carried out in-depth discussion on Lancang-Mekong cooperation against the backdrop of global climate change and post-pandemic economic recovery, and priority areas for future regional cooperation in ecology and environment, proposing recommendations for Lancang-Mekong environmental cooperation in the next stage. Representatives expressed the expectation that LMEC continue to build platforms for exchanges and cooperation, promote regional cooperation in sustainable infrastructure and green value chain, and make full use of the engagement of multiple stakeholders to provide Lancang-Mekong solutions for the global sustainable development process.



Li Yonghong expressed his appreciation for the brilliant remarks of representatives and their trust in and expectations for LMEC. According to Li Yonghong, LMEC will enhance collaboration and coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and lead organizations for Lancang-Mekong cooperation in other areas in the future to create new momentum for Lancang-Mekong cooperation, build the Lancang-Mekong region into a pilot zone for the Global Development Initiative, and set an example for cooperation in the subregion.

Colleagues of the Division II of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center attended the Meeting and introduced the outcomes of the first phase of “Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative”, priority areas for cooperation under the new phase of Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Framework, models of cooperation and action plan for facilitating the implementation of the Global Development Initiative.

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About LMEC: Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation(LMEC), established in 2017 in Beijing, China, aims to boost the capacity of environmental governance of each country and achieve regional sustainable development through the promotion of environmental cooperation among the Lancang-Mekong Countries.