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Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative: Climate Resilient Cities and Communities Field Trip Successfully Concluded

Green Lancang-Mekong Initiative: Climate Resilient Cities and Communities Field Trip was held from April 27 to April 28, 2023, as a celebration of the seventh anniversary of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation and the 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Week and a move to facilitate the implementation of the Global Development Initiatives (GDI). The research event, organized by the Lancang-Mekong Environmental Cooperation Center (LMEC)/Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, invites officials from environmental authorities, international organizations and research institutions from LMC countries on trips to Xiong'an New Area and the National Botanical Garden.



In just six years, Xiong'an New Area, the relocation of Beijing's non-capital functions, has gone from scratch to strength, from blueprint to reality. This emerging world-class modern city takes intelligence, green development and innovation as its shining name card. On trips to the Xiong'an Planning and Exhibition Center, the Planning Hall for Smart City Industrial Park Projects and the construction site for Xiong'an International Trade Center, the delegates learned about the latest technology and management ideas in the planning and construction of this climate-resilient city, experienced the harmonious coexistence between man and nature in urban communities, and explored solutions for regional climate-resilient cities and communities. The delegates hold high expectations for Xiong'an New Area, as a city of the future and a city free from "urban diseases", and look forward to turning the high-standard urban planning blueprint into a high-quality urban development reality. Xiong'an New Area is expected to be a model for urban development in Lancang-Mekong countries in the future.



The delegates also visited the core area for ecological management of Baiyangdian Lake for an on-site investigation of the ecological governance in Baiyangdian and the construction of surrounding bird habitats. They have learned about scientific ecological dredging, estuary wetland management, the “dredging for the connection of hundreds of lakes” project and other specific management measures, with discussions and exchanges on ways to enhance water quality and the effectiveness of biodiversity conservation in the core area. The delegates are confident that the Chinese government will adhere to the concept of green and low-carbon development and build Xiong’an New Area into a model of green development under the guidance of Xi Jinping’s thought of ecological civilization and the philosophy that lucid water and lush mountains are invaluable assets.



At the National Botanical Garden, the delegates visited the National Plant Specimen Resource Center (NPSRC) and the Plant Science Data Center to understand China’s research and conservation efforts on plant diversity on the site, and to investigate the synergistic development model of urban ecological park construction and public participation in biodiversity conservation.

The research event aims to promote the good practices of Chinese cities and communities in climate resilience and biodiversity conservation, boost the sharing of knowledge on green low-carbon and sustainable development among Lancang-Mekong countries, facilitate the construction of a regional system for synergistic development of cities and communities in ecological environment and climate change response, and support the establishment of the GDI Lancang-Mekong pilot zone.

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