

In the Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of China–ASEAN Dialogue Relations: Action on Green and Sustainable Development

Background and Significance

2021 marks the 30th anniversary of the China-ASEAN dialogue relations. Since established in 1991, the dialogue relations have witnessed fruitful results on cooperation in various fields due to joint efforts made by both sides. Now, the dialogue relations between China and ASEAN countries are considered the most dynamic and promising within the dialogue partnership.

As one of the world's most significant alliances among developing countries, ASEAN, together with China, the largest developing country in the world, are both important players in implementing the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Both sides share the same goal for sustainable development on multiple global and regional environmental issues, ranging from climate change, biodiversity protection and ocean pollution control. On November 3, 2019, while attending the 22nd China-ASEAN Summit held in Bangkok, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang proposed to “build a China-ASEAN Partnership on Blue Economy, and to strengthen practical cooperation with ASEAN on marine ecosystem preservation, ocean industry and marine technology innovation, with a view to enhancing the sustainability of the ocean economy. The Marine Plastic Reduction Initiative for the China-ASEAN Partnership for Eco-friendly Urban Development will be taken forward and the China-ASEAN Collaborative Action on Climate Change and Air Quality Improvement launched...”.

Looking ahead, China will continue to uphold the spirits of East Asia Cooperation involving mutual respect, consultation, openness and inclusiveness and mutual benefits, and stick to the multilateralism with East Asia characteristics, and promote the upgrading progress of China-ASEAN relations. Ecology is among the key fields of cooperation between China and ASEAN. Under the direction of Implementation of Results and Cooperation Establishment, in accordance with the spirits and cooperation plans specified in the ASEAN 2025 Vision and 2030 Vision on China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership, dialogues and exchanges will be conducted on a series of hot environmental issues of international and regional concern and cooperation issues, especially on key issues like biodiversity protection, climate action and protection of marine ecology, in a bid to promote the building of cooperation dialogue and network in the region, so as to offer a Chinese solution for the realization of UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region, provide policy and technological supports for ASEAN countries and lay a solid foundation for following cooperation.



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Program Details:



1. ASEAN countries, international organizations and local cities will be invited to participate in the High-level Forum on Green and Sustainable Development in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations. The event will focus on policy exchanges and dialogues on a series of global and regional environmental issues faced by both China and ASEAN, such as ocean plastic pollution, climate change and air quality improvement.

2. The core results of the forum involve the establishment of China-ASEAN Mangrove Protection Alliance and organization of China-ASEAN Workshop on Climate Change and Biodiversity Protection. Joining hands with stakeholders in the region, such as government departments, research institutes, international organizations, enterprises and communities, and taking into full consideration of the actual situation of climate change and biodiversity protection in the region, sharing and exchanges will be conducted for researches and practices on mangrove protection, in a bid to protect the biodiversity of the region and tackle the challenge of Social-Economic-Environmental sustainable development.

3. The Marine Plastic Reduction Initiative for the China-ASEAN Partnership for Eco-friendly Urban Development will be taken forward. The China-ASEAN Workshop on Marine Plastic Reduction for Coastal Cities--China-ASEAN Round-table Dialogue on Policies, Sciences and Businesses on Micro-plastic Prevention and Treatment and Marine Ecology will be organized, where policies and practice on marine plastic pollution, technologies on marine waste treatment, practices and cases on promoting marine plastic reduction through community activities would be explored, in a bid to enhance the cooperation and exchanges between different departments in the field, build a cooperation platform for stakeholders of various aspects, including state governments of China and ASEAN member states, international organization, research institutes, businesses and civil communities, and release the China-ASEAN Cooperation Initiative on Marine Plastic Reduction for Coastal Cities.

4. Advertising activities would be organized to promote the results of China-ASEAN environmental cooperation in the form of brochures, advertising videos and interviews, so as to work through the cooperation progress and effects, and to understand the China-ASEAN Environmental and Sustainable Development Cooperation from different perspectives.

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