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ADB-PRC Symposium
for Commemorating the 30 Years of Partnership

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The People's Republic of China (PRC) has achieved remarkable growth and development over the past three decades. Sustained rapid growth has transformed the PRC from a low-income to an upper middle-income country. Since the beginning of its partnership with the PRC in 1986, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has contributed to these accomplishments in a wide variety of ways – including as a knowledge bank. The PRC is ADB's second largest sovereign borrower and the largest non-sovereign borrower.

It is against this background that ADB and the PRC government are holding a Symposium in Shanghai on 10 November 2016 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the ADB-PRC partnership. The Symposium will bring together eminent experts from the government, academe, think tanks, partner organizations, and representatives of the international community and ADB member countries. As outlined in the agenda, the Symposium will review past achievements and address core reforms of the PRC in its transition to a more sustainable and inclusive growth model.

Location and Date

The Symposium will be held on 10 November 2016, at the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI) in Shanghai, PRC.

Co-Organizers

The Symposium is co-organized by the Ministry of Finance, ADB, and AFDI.

Structure of the Symposium

09:00–09:40	Opening Session: 30 Years of PRC–ADB Partnership
09:40–11:00	Session 1: China's Economic Development over the Last 30 Years: Review and Outlook
11:00–11:10	Coffee break
11:10–12:30	Session 2: China's Development Challenges Towards a High Income Country: Fiscal and Tax Reform for Inclusive Growth
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:20	Session 3: China's Development Challenges Towards a High Income Country: Path to Ecological Civilization
15:20–15:40	Coffee break
15:40–17:00	Session 4: Deepening of the Partnership
17:00–17:20	Closing Remarks

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:40	<p>Opening Session: 30 Years of PRC-ADB Partnership</p> <p>This session will set the scene for the commemorative event to reflect on the partnership between the PRC and ADB.</p> <p>Moderator: Ayumi Konishi, Director General, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Speeches:</p> <p>Chen Shixin, Director General, Ministry of Finance Yu Beihua, Deputy Secretary General, Shanghai Municipal People's Government Takehiko Nakao, President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p>
09:40-11:00	<p>Session 1: China's Economic Development over the Last 30 Years: Review and Outlook</p> <p>This session will review key development stages, challenges and lessons learned during PRC's development over the past 30 years. Current economic performance and outlook for the future will be discussed. The Session also covers PRC's increasingly important role in the international community, together with a review of how the operations of ADB and other multi-lateral financial institutions have evolved and contributed to PRC's transformation.</p> <p>Moderator: Amy Leung, Deputy Director General, ADB</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takehiko Nakao, President of ADB - Chen Shixin, Director General, Ministry of Finance - Lawrence Lau, Ralph and Claire Landau Professor of Economics, the Chinese University of Hong Kong - Zhang Weiyang, Professor, Peking University - Peter McCawley, Former Dean, ADB Institute/Lead author, ADB History Book Project
11:00-11:10	Coffee Break
11:10-12:30	<p>Session 2: China's Development Challenges Towards a High Income Country: Fiscal and Tax Reform for Inclusive Growth</p> <p>Fiscal and tax reform are fundamental to transforming PRC's economy to be more sustainable for the long term, and to achieving inclusive growth and modernization of state and local governance. The discussion will include design of the tax system to: (i) balance revenue assignments with expenditure assignments of the national and sub-national governments to ensure that each level has adequate resources to fulfill their respective responsibilities; (ii) minimize distortions and allow market supply and demand forces to play a decisive role in allocating resources; and (iii) promote</p>

inclusiveness and reduce inequality. In addition, the budgeting process and budget implementation and monitoring will be addressed, as part of modernizing the governance structure to ensure efficiency and accountability.

Moderator: Wang Weixing, Director General, Ministry of Finance

Presentations: 11:10–11:30

PRC's Key Fiscal and Tax Reforms

- Liu Shangxi, President, Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences
- Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, ADB Institute

Panel Discussion: 11:30 – 12:30

- Jia Kang, Former President, Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences
- Christine Wong, Professor and Director, Center for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne
- Ehtisham Ahmad, Visiting Senior Fellow, the London School of Economics and Political Science
- Juzhong Zhuang, Deputy Chief Economist, Deputy Director General, ADB

12:30–14:00

Lunch

14:00–15:20

Session 3: China's Development Challenges Towards a High Income Country: Path to Ecological Civilization

This session will focus on how to achieve the government's goal of "building ecological civilization" through transforming the inter-relationships among the economy, the environment and society. The discussion will also address PRC's Climate Change commitments and its transition to a low-carbon economy.

Moderator: Nessim Ahmad, Deputy Director General, ADB

Presentations: 14:00–14:20

PRC's Key Reforms and Initiatives for Achieving Ecological Civilization

- Song Xiaozhi, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Environmental Protection, PRC
- Li Gao, Deputy Director General, National Development and Reform Commission, PRC

Panel Discussion: 14:20 – 15:20

- Wang Yi, Vice President and Professor, Institute of Science and Development, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Thomas Heller, Chairman of the Board and Senior Strategic Advisor, Climate Policy Initiative
- Zhou Dadi, Vice Governor of the Board, China Energy Research Society
- Zhang Shiqiu, Professor, Peking University

15:20-15:40	Coffee Break
15:40-17:00	<p>Session 4: Deepening of the Partnership</p> <p>This session will focus on how to transform and deepen ADB-PRC partnership to address evolving development challenges facing the PRC as well as Asia and the Pacific region as a whole. The discussion will include how technology and innovation can be promoted as drivers of growth and prosperity. There is also an issue of aging population and decreasing labor force. PRC's role in the global and regional economy will continue to increase while it seeks to enhance its role in regional cooperation and integration, and South-South cooperation. Future assistance of ADB for public and private sectors as well as for public-private partnerships, knowledge cooperation and other forms of collaboration will be discussed.</p> <p>Moderator: Ben Bingham, Country Director, PRC Resident Mission, ADB</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lu Mai, Secretary General, China Development Research Foundation - Yvo de Boer, President, Sustainability Challenge Foundation; Former Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - Cheng Zhijun, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance - Wang Lan, Deputy Director General, Finance Bureau of Shanghai Municipal Government - Li Kouqing, Director General, Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute - Ayumi Konishi, Director General, ADB
17:00-17:20	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Moderator: Xinning Jia, Deputy Country Director, PRC Resident Mission, ADB</p> <p>Speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cheng Zhijun, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance - Ayumi Konishi, Director General, ADB



Takehiko Nakao

Takehiko Nakao is the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Chairperson of ADB's Board of Directors. He was elected President by ADB's Board of Governors and assumed office in April 2013.

Before joining ADB, Mr. Nakao was the Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs at the Ministry of Finance of Japan.

In a career spanning more than three decades, Mr. Nakao has gained extensive experience in international finance and development. He has held senior positions in the Ministry of Finance in Japan, which he joined in 1978, including Director-General of the International Bureau, where he fostered close ties with leading figures in the Asia-Pacific region, and G20 nations.

He was assigned as Minister at the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C., between 2005 and 2007, and from 1994 to 1997 served as economist and advisor at the International Monetary Fund.

He has published books and numerous papers on financial and economic issues, and in 2010 and 2011 was a Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo.

Born in 1956, Mr. Nakao holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Tokyo and a Master of Business Administration from the University of California, Berkeley.



Chen Shixin

Mr. Chen Shixin is the Director-General of the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation, Ministry of Finance of the PRC.

Before taking this role, he was Executive Director for the PRC at the World Bank Group from October 2013 to May 2016. He was then also a member of Audit Committee and the Committee on Governance and Administrative Matters (COGAM) under the Boards of Executive Directors.

Previously, Mr. Chen served in a number of senior positions at the Ministry of Finance of the PRC. From 2007 to 2013, he served as the Deputy Director General of International Department. From 2005 to 2007, he was the Deputy Director General of Tax Policy Department. Prior to that, Mr. Chen served as the Division Director and Deputy Division Director at Budget Department.

Mr. Chen holds a Ph.D. in Economics. He also earned a MPA from Harvard University.



Yu Beihua

Yu Beihua is Deputy Secretary General of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government and a Communist Party Member. Prior to assuming his current position in 2015, he held a number of positions in government, including Deputy Director and subsequently Director of Shanghai Planning Commission, Deputy Chief Economist and Director of Urban Development Division of Shanghai Development and Planning Commission, Deputy Director General of Shanghai Development and Reform Commission (SDRC), Deputy Party Secretary and Governor of Hongkou District Government, Party Secretary and Deputy General Manager of Shanghai Jiushi Group, and Director General of SDRC. Born in 1961, Mr. Yu holds a Master of Business Administration and a professional title of Senior Economist.



Ayumi Konishi

Ayumi Konishi is the Director General of the East Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He assumed office in June 2013.

Mr. Konishi is responsible for ADB operations in the People's Republic of China and Mongolia, and ADB relations with Hong Kong, China; Republic of Korea; and Taipei, China.

Mr. Konishi joined ADB in 1988. He served in various capacities, including his last three positions as the Deputy Director General for ADB's Pacific Department (2012 – 2013), Senior Advisor to the Strategy Policy Department (2011 – 2012), and ADB's Country Director for Viet Nam (2006 – 2011).

Mr. Konishi is a career international civil servant with 30 years of experience. Prior to joining ADB, he served for the United Nations in Baghdad, Iraq (Economic Commission for Western Asia), New York (Secretariat), and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Economic Commission for Africa).

Mr. Konishi is a Japanese national. He graduated from Waseda University (Japan) and Oregon State University (US), and has a postgraduate degree from New York University in Development Economics.



Amy Leung

Amy S. P. Leung is the Deputy Director General and Chief Thematic Officer for ADB's Thematic Advisory Service Cluster, under the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, which covers climate change and disaster risk management, gender equity, governance, social development, agriculture, rural development and food security, NGO and civil society, and ICT for development.

Prior to her current position, she was the Deputy Director General of ADB's East Asia Department, which covers ADB's operation in the People's Republic of China and Mongolia. She was the former director of the Southeast Asia Urban Development and Water Division and of East Asia Urban and Social Sectors Division where she was in-charge of loan and grant portfolios for urban development, water supply and sanitation, education, health and social protection. She was also former chair of ADB's Water Community of Practice, which undertakes peer reviews of water projects, promotes knowledge management and capacity building, and facilitates partnerships and regional cooperation.

Amy has over 20 years of experience in managing multi-stakeholder and multi-disciplinary projects in Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, PRC, Philippines, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, and Mongolia. She is an urban planner with expertise in urban development, water resources management, project design and monitoring, and public-private partnerships. Amy received her M.B.A from the National University of Singapore, M.Sc. from the University of Toronto, and her BA from the University of Hong Kong.



Lawrence Lau

Professor Lau received his B.S. degree (with Great Distinction) in Physics from Stanford University in 1964 and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley in 1966 and 1969 respectively. Professor Lau joined the faculty of the Department of Economics at Stanford University in 1966, became Professor of Economics in 1976 and Kwoh-Ting Li Professor in Economic Development in 1992. He became Kwoh-Ting Li Professor in Economic Development, Emeritus, Stanford University, in 2006. From 2004 to 2010, Professor Lau served as the Vice-Chancellor (President) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. From September 2010 to September 2014, he served as Chairman of CIC International (Hong Kong) Co., Limited. Since 2007, Prof. Lau has also been serving concurrently as Ralph and Claire Landau Professor of Economics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Professor Lau is a member of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and a Vice-Chairman of its Economics Subcommittee. He also serves as a Vice-Chairman of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges, an Adviser to the National Bureau of Statistics of the People's Republic of China, and a member of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Exchange Fund Advisory Committee.



Zhang Weiying

Zhang Weiying is currently Sinar Mas Chair Professor of Economics at the National School of Development, Peking University. He received undergraduate and graduate training in economics from the Northwest University (PRC). He held a research position at the Economic System Reform Institute from 1984 to 1990. He obtained his D.Phil. in Economics from Oxford University in 1994. He co-founded China Center for Economic Research (CCER) of Peking University. He was the Dean of the Guanghua School of Management between 2006 and 2010. He has been the Chief Economist for the China Entrepreneurs Forum since 2001.

Professor Zhang is widely regarded as the leading advocate of the free market in the PRC as well as an authority on the theory of the firm and ownership reform. His insightful and provocative opinions about PRC's reforms have been widely reported both in Chinese and international media. The Wall Street Journal called him "China's Anti-Keynesian Insurgent." He has received several prestigious awards in the PRC. In 2011, he received the China Economic Theory Innovation Award for his pioneering contribution to the dual-track price reform.



Peter McCawley

Peter McCawley is an economist with many years of experience on Indonesian and Asian economic issues. He is the principle author for a book on the 50-year history of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila. He was the Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo from 2003 to 2007.

In 1972, he received his PhD in economics from the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra, where he is now a visiting fellow for the ANU Indonesia Project. In the early 1970s, prior to his return to ANU, he taught at Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta. In 1986, he joined AusAID as a Deputy Director General and later became a member of ADB's Board of Directors. He served as a ministerial advisor in Canberra to several Australian treasurers and provided many articles to the Australian media.



Wang Weixing

Wang Weixing was born in 1957 in Wendeng City of Shandong Province. He obtained his bachelor's degree in economics majoring in national economic plan from Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (once named Hubei College of Finance and Economics) in 1982, and received his doctor's degree in economics from Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in 2001. After graduation, Mr. Wang served at the General Office, Budget Division of the Ministry of Finance in 1982. He was promoted as deputy head of Budget Division of the Ministry of Finance in October 1997, and inspector of Budget Division of the Ministry of Finance in February 2003. In January 2009, Mr. Wang took office as Director General of Comprehensive Rural Reform Office under the State Council. Since August 2014 until today, he served as Director General of Policy Research Office under the Ministry of Finance. For decades, he has been committed to the work of budget management,

leading in comprehensive rural reform and fiscal policy research, and has accumulated solid theoretical knowledge and rich management experience. Mr. Wang has organized translation of "Public Expenditure Management Manual", "Contemporary Public Expenditure Management Methods", "Public Expenditure Management", as well as other books. In addition, he also published many works including "Research on Government Budget Management Procedures and Methods".



Liu Shangxi

Liu Shangxi holds a PhD in Economics. He is a researcher, doctoral supervisor, Party Secretary and President of Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, and an awardee of the Government Special Allowance. He is also enlisted in the National Talents Project.

He earned the title of Cultural Master of National Significance in 2015 and served as a leading expert on various talents projects. Liu spoke at numerous high-caliber events such as closed-door seminars chaired by former Premier Wen Jiabao and Premier Li Keqiang, Finance and Taxation Seminar of the National People's Congress chaired by Chairman Zhang Dejiang, and a close-door seminar on PRC's economic situation graced by Chairman Yu Zhengsheng of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Liu also contributed to summer functions as guest of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council.

Professor Liu is concurrently a member of the State Council's Education Advisory and Healthcare Reform Advisory committees; judge at the National Social Sciences Foundation; expert at the National Major Science and Technology Infrastructure Scheme; technical member at the National New-Type Rural Cooperative Medicare; and Vice President and Secretary General of the Society of Public Finance of China, he is an expert at the National Disaster Reduction Commission; member of the National Climate Change Expert Committee, etc.



Naoyuki Yoshino

Naoyuki Yoshino is the Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute; Professor Emeritus of Keio University, in Tokyo, Japan; and the Chief Advisor for the Japan Financial Services Agency's Financial Research Center. He obtained his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1979. He was a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and has been a visiting professor at various universities including the University of New South Wales (Australia) and Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (France).

From 1991 to 2014, he served as an Assistant Professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and an Economics Professor at Keio University. His previous posts include Chair of the Financial Planning Standards Board in 2007 and Chairperson of the Japanese Ministry of Finance's Council on Foreign Exchange and Fiscal System Council. Further, he was also a Board Member of the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan; Chairperson of the

Meeting of Japanese Government Bond Investors (Ministry of Finance); and President of the Financial System Council of the Government of Japan.

He was conferred honorary doctorates by the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) in 2004 and Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg (Germany) in 2013 and given the Fukuzawa Award for his contribution to academic research in 2013.



Jia Kang

Jia Kang is a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) and the CPPCC Subcommittee of Economy. He is also an Advisor for the China Public-Finance Academy, Chairman of the academy's Public-Private Partnerships Research Committee, and Vice Chairman of the China Cost Research Society.

He is a distinguished expert of the People's Government of Beijing and Shanghai municipalities; Advisor of the People's Government of Fujian, Gansu, and Anhui provinces; and Consulting Advisor of the People's Government of Tibet and Guangxi autonomous regions.

He is a Guest Professor for various universities including Anhui University, Capital University of Economics and Business, China University of Political Science and Law, Guangdong University of Business Studies, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, Nankai University, Southwest Jiaotong University, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, Tianjin University of Finance and Economics, Wuhan University, and Xiamen University.

Jia Kang received special state allowance as an expert in 1995; praised as an academic leader at high level for the National Project "Tens of Thousands of Talents" in 1997; and chosen as a visiting scholar for participation in the Heinz Fellowship Program at University of Pittsburgh, USA in 1988–1989. He attended economic symposiums at the invitations of Zhu Rongji, Wen Jiabao, Hu Jintao and Li Keqiang and, therefore, considered as one of the Advisors for Decision-Making by the Central Authorities.



Christine Wong

Christine Wong is a professor of Chinese Studies and director of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies at the University of Melbourne. Prior to joining Melbourne, she was Professor of Chinese Public Finance and Director of Chinese Studies at the University of Oxford, where she was Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall. She has also held the Henry M. Jackson Professorship in International Studies at the University of Washington and taught economics at the University of California, Santa Cruz; University of California, Berkeley; and Mount Holyoke College.

Professor Wong has also held senior staff positions in the World Bank and Asian Development Bank and worked extensively with other international agencies including the IMF, OECD, UNDP, UNICEF, and the UK Department for International Development. She is a member of the OECD Advisory Panel on Budgeting and Public Expenditures.

Professor Wong is a leading authority on PRC's public finance. She has published widely on PRC's public finance, intergovernmental fiscal relations and their implications for governance, economic development, and welfare. Her recent research focuses on economic reform under Xi Jinping and the institutional constraints to modernizing governance in the PRC.



Syed Ehtisham Ahmad

Syed Ehtisham Ahmad is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Development Research at the University of Bonn and at the London School of Economics and Political Science (since 2010). He is a member of the Academic Committee, Institute of State Governance, Sun Yat-Sen University and Pao Yu-Kong Professor at Zhejiang University.

Ahmad held senior positions in the IMF during 1990–2010. While on leave from the IMF, he was Special Advisor to the Finance Minister, Saudi Arabia, 1996–1998. He was on the staff team for the 1990 World Development Report: Poverty. Prior to serving as the director for the Development Economics Research Program, under LSE's Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD) in 1986–1990, he was the deputy director of the Development Economics Research Center at Warwick University in 1980–1986.

Ahmad has written widely on public policy and fiscal reforms, governance, fiscal federalism, and poverty reduction. His recent books include *Multi-Level Finance and the Crisis in Europe* (2016) (with Giorgio Brosio and Massimo Bordignon) and *Handbook of Multilevel Finance* (2015). Some earlier books include *Theory and Practice of Tax Reform in Developing Countries* (1991, with Nicholas Stern); *Social Security in Developing Countries* (1992, with Jean Drèze, John Hills and Amartya Sen); and *Reforming China's Public Finances* (1995, with Gao Qiang and Vito Tanzi).

Ahmad's current research projects include *Tax and Social Policy in the Presence of Informality*—drawing primarily on Indonesia and Mexico; *Rebalancing and Multilevel Finance in China*; *Fiscal Policy and the OBOR*; and *Convergence and Public Investment in Chile and Emerging Market Economies*.



Juzhong Zhuang

Juzhong Zhuang joined Asian Development Bank in 1997. He is currently Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General for ADB's Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department. He has written extensively on Asian development.

His latest publications include co-edited books, *Inequality in Asia and the Pacific*, 2014 and *Managing Middle Income Transition: The Challenges Facing China*, 2015. In 1992–1997, he was a research officer for the London School of Economics' Development Economics Research Program. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Manchester.



Nessim J. Ahmad

Nessim J. Ahmad is Deputy Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department concurrently Chief Compliance Officer, a position he assumed in September 2014.

Prior to this, Mr. Ahmad was Director of Environment and Safeguards and was also Practice Leader for environment chair of ADB's Community of Practice on Environment, with responsibility for managing bank-wide oversight of ADB's safeguard policy implementation; mainstreaming ADB's environment agenda in operations; and developing ADB's climate change adaptation programs.

He joined ADB as an environment specialist in 1998 and has worked on ADB projects in most sectors and all regions. From 1989-1998, Mr. Ahmad was a staff member at the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development, where he was Technical Adviser for Environment engaged in project and technical assistance operations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Before that he worked for various consultancy firms. He was educated at Aberdeen and Cornell Universities.



Song Xiaozhi

Song Xiaozhi was born in February 1964 in Beijing. She is a member of the Communist Party of China and has a Master's Degree in Science.

In August 1989, she started working with China National Environmental Monitoring Centre. Since January 1990, she worked as Project Officer of Foreign Economic Office (FECO), State Environmental Protection Administration of China, and worked as the Deputy Director from February 1995 to June 1998, then as the Director till July 2002. In July 2002, she was appointed as Deputy Director General of FECO and in June 2009, she was appointed as Deputy Director General of Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP).



Li Gao

Li Gao is the Deputy Director General of the Department of Climate Change for the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). He obtained his Ph.D. from Tsinghua University and one of his master degrees from Yale University.

He has been a veteran engaged in research and policymaking on sustainable development, environment, and climate change in the PRC. His rich international cooperation experience includes his participation in UN climate change negotiations since 2005 as one of the chief negotiators for the Government of the People's Republic of China.

Since 2012, his focus is more on the development of PRC's medium- and long-term climate change strategy and planning. He is now in charge of promoting climate change legislation, capacity building, climate financing, and fund management for the Clean Development Mechanism.



Wang Yi

WANG Yi is Vice President of the Institutes of Science and Development (ISD) in the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and a member of the Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) of China. Prior to his current positions, Dr. Wang was a professor and then the Director General of the CAS Institute of Policy and Management (2005–2015). Earlier, he was a professor of public policy and engaged in PRC study at the CAS Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Wang is concurrently a professor of energy and environmental policy and dean at the Department of Sustainable Development of the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences' School of Public Policy and Management. Further, he is a team leader and Chief Scientist for the annual China Sustainable Development Report (CSDR); member of the 3rd State Committee of Experts on Climate Change of China; and vice chair of the ISO Climate Change Coordinating Committee (CCCC).

His research interests include public policy and strategic study related to sustainable development, especially in the fields of green transition and development strategy, energy and climate change policy, integrated river basin management, and comprehensive planning for resource, environment, and development. His research contributed to many of PRC's current policies and institutional arrangements for environmental protection and green and low carbon transition. He won several ministerial awards for his works, special government allowance, and the Fourth Chinese Youth Science and Technology Award. His major publications include *Towards a Sustainable Asia* and the China Study Report series and the annual CSDR.



Thomas Heller

As the Chairman of the Board and Senior Strategic Advisor, Thomas C. Heller plays a critical role in all the work programs of the Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), advising global leaders, and directing strategy and analysis.

Heller founded the CPI and served as the Executive Director from its start in 2009 until 2016. Under his direction, the organization grew into a trusted global thought leader in climate finance, energy finance, and land use. In climate finance, it set the benchmark for tracking, as well as built and directed The Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance. In energy finance, the CPI works with governments, businesses, investors, and foundations around the world to maximize the financial benefits of transitioning to a low-carbon energy system. The organization also pioneered a production and protection strategy to land use management of carbon rich areas, which seeks opportunities to improve agricultural productivity while also protecting vital carbon stocks.

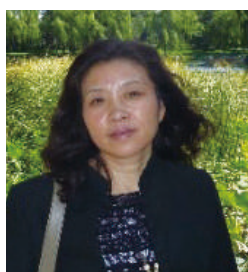
Heller regularly speaks at high-profile events, and has been a regular guest of the World Affairs Council, the Clinton Global Initiative, high-level side events for the Conference of Parties, the World Economic Forum, among others.



Zhou Dadi

Zhou Dadi is the Director General Emeritus and Senior Researcher of the Energy Research Institute of the National Development and Reform Commission of China.

He has devoted many years to energy policy and energy system analysis, focusing on sustainable energy strategy, energy conservation, and climate change policy. He was the Founder and first Executive Director of the Beijing Energy Efficiency Center, member of Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) of Global Environment Facility (GEF), and Chief Investigator of many important policy and energy system analysis projects. He has contributed extensively as one of the most influential advisors in the development of energy conservation plans, energy strategy, and climate change policy of the PRC. He was the Lead Author (LA) and Convening Lead Author of IPCC Working Group III for the IPCC second, third, fourth and Fifth Assessment Reports. His current professional positions include the following: the Vice Chairman of the State Energy Expert Advisory Committee of China, Member of the National Climate Change Expert Committee of China, Member of the Advisory Committee of National 13th Five Year's Plan, Vice Team leader of the Expert Committee of the National Energy Bureau for the 13th Five Year's Plan, the Executive Vice President of the Chinese Society of Energy Research, Vice President of China Institute of Geo-Politics and Energy Strategy, Vice Chairman of the National Innovation and Development Strategy Society, and advisor to Chinese ministries, provincial governments, national companies, Electric de France, ADB, and many NGOs.



Zhang Shiqiu

Zhang Shiqiu, Professor of Peking University (College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Institute of Environment and Economy). She has been teaching environmental economics and environmental management and conducting various research projects related to environment and development issues which covers Environmental Economics, Environmental Policy and Management, and global environmental treaties. She is a member of Scientific Advisory Panel for UNEP Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC), Senior Expert Member of UNEP Technology and Economic Assessment Panel for implementing Montreal Protocol, and Co-Chair of the Task force for Replenishment of the Multilateral Fund of Montreal Protocol. She is a Vice President and Board of Directors of East Asian Association on Environment and Resource Economics (EAAERE).



Ben Bingham

Ben Bingham was appointed ADB Country Director for the PRC in November 2016. Before joining the ADB, he was an Advisor at the IMF, which he joined in 1994. At the IMF, he worked on Africa (South Africa and Kenya), the Middle East (Egypt and Pakistan) and since 2000 on Asia (Indonesia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam, and Sri Lanka). In 2007, he was a Research Fellow at the Crawford School of the Australia National University working on the impact of globalization on the Mekong. His most recent overseas assignments with the IMF were as Senior Resident Representative for Viet Nam and the Lao PDR (2007 and 2011), and Indonesia (2012-2016). Before joining the IMF, Ben Bingham was a Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute in London and then macroeconomic adviser to the Ministry of Finance in Uganda. Mr. Bingham holds degrees in economics from Bristol University and the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom.



Lu Mai

Lu Mai has been the Secretary General of China Development Research Foundation (CDRF) since 1998. He has accumulated extensive expertise on poverty alleviation through years of research and practice. He led the completion of China Human Development Report, 2005, which received UNDP's 2007 Human Development Award for Excellence in Policy Analysis and Influence.

For over a decade, Mr. Lu has been dedicated to advocating childhood development in the PRC. He and his colleagues in CDRF pioneered to launch pilot programs for disadvantaged rural children to provide them education and nutrition interventions, which prove to be an effective way to eliminate poverty and enhance social development. Based on the program outcomes, he submitted several policy suggestions to the central government in the hope to translate the successful experiments into national policies.

In 2013, he drafted the policy memo entitled "Recommendations for Formulating the National Childhood Development Plan in Impoverished Rural Areas", which obtained written instructions from the politburo and awarded with Extraordinary Contributions to PRC's Development Research by the Development Research Center of the State Council of China (DRC). The national plan is currently under deliberation and is expected to be issued this year.

Before joining CDRF, Mr. Lu served as the Senior Research Fellow in the DRC from 1995 to 1998; Senior Research Fellow in China Business Centre, Hong Kong Polytechnic University from 1993 to 1995; Research Associate at Harvard Institute for International Development and the Department of Government of Harvard University from 1991 to 1993. Mr. Lu started his career in the Research Center for Rural Development of the State Council of China in the late 1980s.



Yvo de Boer

Yvo de Boer is President of the Sustainability Challenge Foundation, which trains mid-career sustainability professionals in multi-stakeholder conflict resolution and consensus building. He founded Responsibility, where he helps organizations be fit for purpose in a changing world. From 2014 to 2016, he served as Director General of Global Green Growth Institute, a treaty-based international organization with 28 member countries, currently working in 25 countries to develop and implement green growth strategies.

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