



## China: Director General of the Danish Energy Agency, Mr. Morten Bæk, key note speaker at exclusive round table in Copenhagen with H.E. Liu HE, Vice Chairman of NDRC

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*Vice Chairman, Mr. H.E. Liu He (middle right) and General Director, Mr. Morten Bæk (middle left)*

The Director General of the Danish Energy Agency, Mr. Morten Bæk, was the key note speaker at a Round Table arrangement at the Confederation of Danish Industry on Friday, May 30, 2014 for H.E. Liu HE, the Vice Chairman of NDRC and invited Danish companies. NDRC - the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China - is responsible for the Chinas 5-years plans. Visiting Denmark last week, H. E. Liu HE had expressed interest in gaining more knowledge about the Danish society following a green growth and low carbon transition strategy.

Mr. Morten Bæk illustrated the Danish transition from 100% dependent on imported oil in the early 1970's until to today with ambitious Danish goals on renewable energy, district heating, energy efficiency standards and CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions. It was stressed that the total Danish energy demand has remained flat for more than 20 years, whereas GDP has increased by 40%. In the same period, the Danish CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have been reduced by 20%. At present, renewables count for more than 40% in the Danish energy mix - going beyond 50% in 2020.

He also presented the long term perspective transforming the Danish energy system to a fossil free energy system in 2050. The Danish Energy Agency has recently published a new analysis report with five different energy system scenarios in the 2050 perspective. The point made by Mr. Bæk was very clear: The transition to 21<sup>st</sup> century low carbon energy system is doable - and it is payable.

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### [Speech by Director General, Mr Morten Bæk](#)

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