

China: H.M. Queen Margrethe II and the Prince Consort of Denmark on state visit to China

Green energy transformation and sustainable urbanization is one of the main focus areas of the trip.



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On April 24 to April 28 2014 H.M. Queen Margrethe II and the Prince Consort of Denmark visit China on an official state visit. The Royal Danish couple will meet with Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, who will host an official state banquet. Four Danish ministers will accompany H.M. Queen Margrethe II and the Prince Consort, including the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation, the Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and the Minister for Higher Education and Science who will meet with Chinese government officials and Danish businesses operating in China.

Sustainable energy focus

One of the main focus areas of the state visit will concern energy related issues. Among other activities the management of China National Renewable Energy Centre (CNREC) will welcome the Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation, Mr Mogens Jensen, to the CNREC headquarters in Beijing. On his visit to CNREC, the Danish Minister is expected to meet with Vice Minister of the National Energy Administration, Mr H.E. Liu Qi.

CNREC has since 2012 worked to develop strategies, action plans and legislation that encourage the use of renewable energy in China and the centre has been the leading advisor to the Chinese government on renewable energy policy issues. Among other things this has resulted in a number of scenario studies showing how China can retrofit the energy sector to increasingly prioritise and use more renewable energy. Also, energy pilot

projects in North-east China have been established as a result of the cooperation between CNREC and the Danish Energy Agengy.

Stronger partnership on green growth

The fruitful cooperation between Denmark and China on renewable energy and energy efficiency has been implemented across a number of Chinese ministries including an agreement between the Danish Ministry for Climate, Energy and Building (DMCEB) and the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China (NDRC).

During the state visit it is expected that the cooperation between NDRC and DMCEB will be intensified through a deeper partnership between the National Energy Conservation Center (NECC) and the Danish Energy Agency (DEA). NECC and DEA will sign a Memorandum of Understanding which includes an ambitious work programme for 2014. The work programme involves among other activities a joint workshop on excess heat from industrial processes combined with district heating. A project in Anshan in Liaoning province provides a very good example of such a project. The Anshan project was presented to a delegation of 9 Danish parliamentarians from the Climate, Energy and Building Committee earlier this year in January.

If you wish to learn more about the Sino-Danish renewable energy and energy efficiency projects please go here.

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