



China: “Nordic Built China” retrofit demonstration project in progress

On Monday March 31 and Tuesday April 1 the Danish Energy Agency and China’s Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development organized two seminar meetings to promote Sino-Danish cooperation on sustainable retrofit demonstration projects.



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On Monday 31 March the Danish Energy Agency (DEA) and China’s Ministry for Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD) organized a joint meeting with Danish and Chinese companies, who have shown an interest in taking part in a market-driven energy efficient retrofit project. From China, the state-owned Company MCC Group Construction Institute participated and from Denmark SHL Architects took part in the discussions along with COWI Consulting Group and Danish Technology Institute/FISH China.

Based on presentations of the recently developed 10 Nordic Built principles as a foundation for a Sino-Danish project cooperation the parties agreed to explore options for establishing a business partnership and to realize a retrofit project together e.g. at one of MCC Group’s offices in Beijing. The parties will continue these discussions with the active backing of both the DEA and MoHURD with the aim of establishing an innovative Nordic Built China retrofit project which may be a test case for new Danish and Chinese technical solutions and design concepts.

Dialogue and experience sharing - possible new platform for cooperation

Discussions on possible Sino-Danish project collaborations and approaches to energy efficient retrofitting continued on Tuesday April 1 at an open workshop held at the MCC Group Construction Institute in Beijing. The meeting was chaired by MoHURD and had 60-70 participants from all over China including companies and local building and construction authorities from Beijing,

Tianjin, Shanghai, Inner Mongolia, Chongqing, Heilongjiang, Jiangsu, Shandong, Guangdong, and Henan.

MoHURD and DEA introduced their respective policy frameworks on energy retrofitting and a number of the Chinese participants including players from Chongqing, Beijing, Shandong and Tianjin provinces shared their project experiences. Danish companies, SHL Architects, COWI, DTI, Grundfos and ROCKWOOL also presented their perspectives in the subsequent lively debate on retrofit experiences and strategies in Denmark and China.

Nordic built

Nordic Built is a recent pan-Nordic initiative, including countries such as Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Denmark, initiated by the Nordic Minister Council for Trade and Industry designed to accelerate the development of sustainable building concepts. Nordic Built seeks to combine key Nordic strengths with the aim of implementing concrete projects that demonstrate world-class scalable solutions in the Nordic design tradition made for people and promotes quality of life.

Read more on the Sino-Danish Nordic Built project and the importance of energy efficiency in buildings [here](#).



[Nordic Built Charter \(Chinese\)](#)

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