



China: Danish renewable energy expertise making strides in China

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The 12 projects are supported by a state innovation fund that was launched by Trade and Investment Minister Pia Olsen Dyhr during her visit to China in the spring of 2012.

The projects involve offshore wind, biomass and bioethanol, solar energy, and the planning and integration of renewable energy systems. A large number of Danish organisations are involved in the effort, including universities, private-sector businesses, public-sector organisations, as well as various Chinese partners.

“Danish and Chinese co-operation in the field of renewable energy helps address a very visible energy issue for China. The smog problems witnessed in several Chinese cities over the past few months demonstrate the need for a radical shift towards renewable energy. The projects are an easy way to develop a bond between Danish and Chinese businesses and research institutions,” Trade and Investment Minister Pia Olsen Dyhr says.

“Experience shows that even limited public support can be crucial for establishing long-term strategic collaborations. At the same time, doors are opened to a market with enormous potential for green energy technology, which is an area in China where Denmark is becoming increasingly positioned. Co-operation with China on energy issues has never been closer than it is now and it will create unique opportunities for Danish businesses that plan on doing business with China,” Trade and Investment Minister Pia

Olsen Dyhr says.

The RED programme also supports the Beijing-based China National Renewable Energy Centre (CNREC), which opened in February 2012. The long-term ambition of the RED programme is to help China develop the capacity of its renewable energy. Denmark has a unique and highly sought after expertise in this field. The Danish Energy Agency has made a deal with CNREC that will see it will provide renewable energy consultancy for possible scenarios for 2050, and so on.

“I am proud of the work Denmark is doing in China in connection with the renewable energy centre. Our expertise is highly sought after. I hope to develop our energy and climate work further with my Chinese colleagues when I visit China later this year. The 12 new energy partnerships between Chinese and Danish businesses have created a foundation for co-operation between Danish energy research program EUDP and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology, that will further joint energy projects that are currently in demand,” says climate, energy and buildings minister, Martin Lidegaard.

Collaboration between the EUDP and China will focus on wind and smart grid projects that will promote the introduction of green energy.

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