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BOOK LAUNCH „CHINA-EU: GREEN COOPERATION“

Report

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Global warming is the biggest threat to the future of humanity and a challenge that the EU and China need to face together, despite their geographical distance. In Europe, environmental problems are discussed quite prominently and feature high in public awareness. In China environmental consciousness is growing due to a rising middle class, which has profited from China's rapid economic development but is increasingly becoming aware of threats arising from the environmental degradation and food scandals that directly affect their health. This growing awareness also explains the current prominence of the documentary "Under the Dome" by Chinese journalist Chai Jing, which has been viewed and downloaded approximately 200 million times within two days.

Against this background, on 9 March 2015, the book „CHINA-EU: GREEN COOPERATION“ was officially launched at an event organized by the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union-China Relations of the College of Europe in cooperation with the Madariaga - College of Europe Foundation. The book presents a selection of views from Chinese and European experts and scholars on the most pressing environmental challenges — air quality, global warming, climate change, energy security, urbanisation — faced by Europe and China.

The event was held in Brussels at the Madariaga-College of Europe Foundation. Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director of the Foundation, gave an introduction to the topic and led the subsequent discussion. Etienne Reuter and Professor Jing Men, editors of the book, presented their main motivation for this book and gave an overview of the issues which are addressed in it. Beatriz Perez de las Heras (Professor of European Law, University of Deusto, Spain) gave the audience a brief overview of the technical details addressed in her chapter on "EU-China Cooperation on Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Mitigation. Towards a Potential International Emission Trading Scheme", while Rodolphe de Borchgrave (Managing Director, Cadmos Spri, Belgium) — author of the chapter "Food Safety : A Challenge for EU-China Cooperation" — pointed out current flaws and difficulties in the Chinese food safety system and the challenges in EU-China food safety cooperation.



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China-EU: Green Cooperation

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About the book

The book presents a selection of views from Chinese and European experts and scholars on the most pressing environmental challenges — air quality, global warming, climate change, energy security, urbanisation — faced by Europe and China in 2014.

Further information about the book is available here:

<http://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/9001>



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