



## Overview of Eco-Forum Global

As an independent, not-for-profit foundation, Eco-Forum Global (EFG) is China's primary national platform to foster sustainable development and build eco-civilization. EFG aims at promoting eco-civilization by convening global leaders from government, business, academia, media and civil society. EFG serves as 1) a bridge for inter-governmental and cross-industry cooperation; 2) a window to showcase best practices in building sustainable industries and green cities; 3) a conduit to shape global, regional and industrial agenda in green transformation.

Despite its non-governmental and non-profit nature, the inception of EFG signifies the joint efforts of Chinese National Development and Reform Commission, National Committee on Population, Resources and Environment of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Housing and Rural-Urban Development, Ministry of Commerce, State Forestry Administration, Chinese Academy of Science, Chinese Academy of Engineering, China Association of Mayors and Peking University, as well as UN agencies and other leading international organizations. The co-founder and Executive Chairman ZHANG Xinsheng is President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN, the world's first global environmental organization and the largest professional global conservation network, with Permanent Observer Status at the United Nations General Assembly). He was also Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO (2005-2007).

Since its foundation in 2009, EFG has engaged nearly ten thousand top governmental leaders, Nobel Laureates, influential business executives and NGO representatives to address our common challenges and explore effective solutions.



Chinese President XI Jinping and Chinese Prime Minister LI Keqiang have sent their congratulatory letters to EFG's conferences. Chinese Vice President LI Yuanchao and Chinese Deputy Prime Minister ZHANG Gaoli attended EFG's conferences and delivered their speeches. Other speakers include 9 incumbent state leaders and some former state leaders such as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, former British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, former President of the European Commission and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, etc. In 2011 and 2014, Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, sent formal letters to EFG, recognizing the importance of EFG's conferences.

At the Rio+20 Summit, EFG organized two successful side events with support and active participation of influential figures including former UN Under-Secretary-General and Secretary-General of the Rio+20 SHA Zukang, former UN Under-Secretary-General and Secretary-General of the 1992 Earth Summit at Rio Maurice Strong, Chairman of IPCC Rajendra Pachauri, Chinese leaders, and some other international celebrities. In July 2012, EFG organized the first international major post-Rio+20 international forum with more than 1000 participants to mobilize the implementation of the outcomes of the Rio+20 Summit.

EFG has been well received by Forum participants for its vision and pragmatic approaches in promoting sustainable development. The activities organized by EFG have been celebrated by over 200 Chinese and leading international media agencies, such as CCTV, People's Daily, Xinhua News Agency, China Daily, CNN and BBC.



Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a letter of congratulation to the Eco-Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2013, in which he stated that “with the theme of ‘Building Eco-Civilization: Green Transformation and Transition – Green Industry, Green Urbanization and Green Consumption Lead Sustainable Development’, this conference reflects shared interest of international communities in ecological progress. I am convinced that with joint efforts of all participants, the outcomes of the conference will make useful contributions to protecting the global eco-environment.”

## 贺 信

值此生态文明贵阳国际论坛2013年年会开幕之际，我谨代表中国政府和人民，并以我个人的名义，向会议的召开致以热烈的祝贺！向出席会议的各国元首、政府首脑、联合国机构负责人以及专家学者、企业家等各方嘉宾，表示热烈的欢迎！

这次生态文明贵阳国际论坛年会以“建设生态文明：绿色变革与转型——绿色产业、绿色城镇、绿色消费引领可持续发展”为主题，凝聚了国际社会对生态文明建设的共同关注。相信通过与会嘉宾共同努力，会议的成果必将为保护全球生态环境作出积极贡献。

走向生态文明新时代，建设美丽中国，是实现中华民族伟大复兴的中国梦的重要内容。中国将按照尊重自然、顺应自然、保护自然的理念，贯彻节

约资源和保护环境的基本国策，更加自觉地推动绿色发展、循环发展、低碳发展，把生态文明建设融入经济建设、政治建设、文化建设、社会建设各方面和全过程，形成节约资源、保护环境的空间格局、产业结构、生产方式、生活方式，为子孙后代留下天蓝、地绿、水清的生产生活环境。

保护生态环境，应对气候变化，维护能源资源安全，是全球面临的共同挑战。中国将继续承担应尽的国际义务，同世界各国深入开展生态文明领域的交流合作，推动成果分享，携手共建生态良好的地球美好家园。

预祝会议取得圆满成功！

中华人民共和国主席



2013年7月18日



Chinese **Premier LI Keqiang** sent a letter of congratulation to the Eco-Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2014, in which he addressed that “Eco Forum Global is an international platform for sharing experiences in sustainable development...The theme of this annual conference is ‘Joining Hands, Leveraging Reforms to Bring Forth a New Era of Eco-civilization’, embodying the structural adjustment driven by structural reform and the shared responsibility of all parties in face of eco-civilization construction. I believe that the annual conference will pool new consensus and carry out new explorations for global sustainable development.”



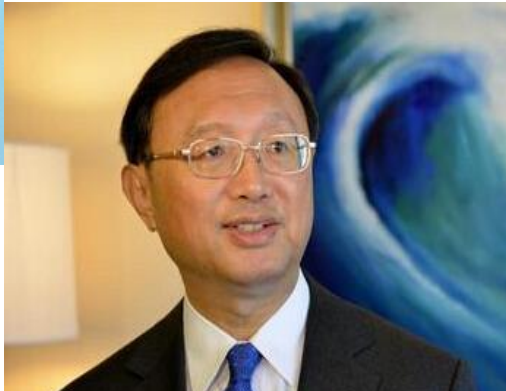
At the opening ceremony of Eco Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2013, Chinese **Vice Premier ZHANG Gaoli** stated that “As an important platform, Eco Forum Global not only provides us with cooperation opportunities, but also promotes friendship and cooperation between China and the rest of the world in a further way.”



Chinese **Vice President LI Yuanchao** addressed the opening ceremony of Eco Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2014, in which he said: “Eco Global Forum is an important platform for various nations to share and communicate experiences with the construction of eco-civilization and promoting international collaborations on sustainable development.”



**LI Zhanshu**, Chief of General Office of CPC Central Committee, **YANG Jiechi**, Chinese State Councilor and **DAI Bingguo**, Former Chinese State Councilor.

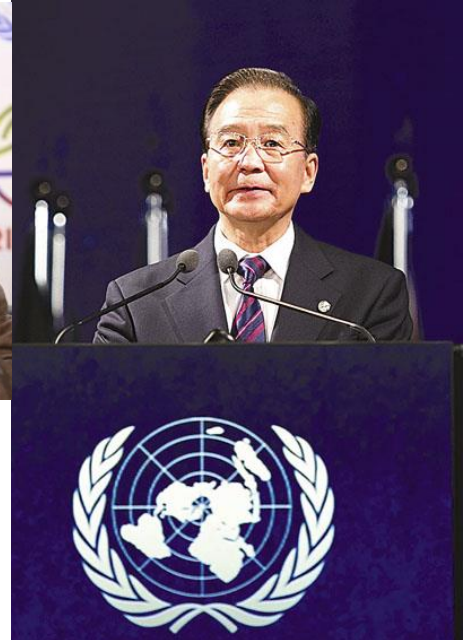




Former Chinese President **HU Jintao** indicated that Eco Forum Global should be developed into a professional high-level summit.

**BAN Ki-moon**, Secretary-General of the United Nations, mentioned in his congratulatory letter to the Eco Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2011 that “this year’s focus on ‘Green Changes towards Eco-civilization, Challenges and Opportunities’ can provide an important input to the preparations for next year’s Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.”

In his congratulatory message to the Eco Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2014, Ban Ki-moon wrote: “The Eco Forum Global provides an important platform to facilitate cooperation and action among key decision-makers in China.”



In June 2012, Chinese Premier **WEN Jiabao** led a delegation to attend the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In company with **Zukang SHA**, Secretary-General of the Rio Summit 2012, **Maurice STRONG**, sponsor of the world’s first convention on environmental protection in Stockholm 1972, Secretary-General of the Earth Summit 1992 and an adviser of the Eco Forum Global, attended the event hosted by Eco Forum Global during the Rio Conference. EFG was the only Chinese organization of its kind that submitted a voluntary commitment at the Summit.



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HOME	ABOUT	THEMES	MEETINGS	MEMBER STATES	UN SYSTEM	MAJOR GROUPS	NEWS & MEDIA	RESOURCES	ENGAGE
<p>The Future We Want</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rio+20 Voluntary Commitments</li> <li>All Voluntary Commitments</li> <li>Make a Voluntary Commitment</li> </ul> <p>Partnerships at Rio+20</p> <p>Statements</p> <p>Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green economy</li> <li>IFSD</li> <li>Rio+20 Issues Briefs</li> <li>Rio+20 Information Notes</li> </ul> <p>Green economy policies, practices and initiatives</p> <p>Zero Draft of Outcome Document</p>		<p>Smooth Path towards Green and Inclusive Society: Building Knowledge-sharing Platforms and Promoting Green Networks</p> <p><b>Organization(s) making commitment</b></p> <p>Eco-Forum Global (Eco-Forum Global is incorporated in China as Eco-Foundation Global, a not-for-profit, independent foundation)</p> <p><b>Achievement of Commitment</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Platform for public and private sector stakeholders in place to share information and best practices on inclusive green economies and sustainable development.</li> <li>Decision-makers from local governments, business and industry, academia, the science and technology community, media, and NGOs assembled to share policy options and best practices for green policy implementation.</li> <li>Public awareness promoted and advocacy for sustainable development and inclusive green economies.</li> <li>Green networks constituted in cities &amp; new towns, among corporations and at universities to promote eco-civilization.</li> </ol>			<p><b>INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by: Eco-Forum Global</li> <li>Primary SD area: Public awareness and communications on SD</li> <li>Keywords: knowledge-sharing, participatory decision-making, partnership, innovative mechanism, mobilization of stakeholders, networking</li> <li>Location: Beijing (operations center)</li> <li>Date of completion: 31 Dec 2015</li> <li>More information</li> </ul> <p><b>DELIVERABLES &amp; RESOURCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 deliverable(s)</li> <li>2 resource(s)</li> </ul>				



Upon establishing a close, cooperative relationship with **Switzerland**, a Swiss delegation led by state leaders participated in a series of panels on Sino-Swiss dialogue for two consecutive years. **Ueli MAURER**, President of the Swiss Confederation, attended and addressed the Eco Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2013. **Hannes GERMANN**, President of the Council of States of Switzerland's Federal Assembly, attended and addressed the Eco Forum Global Annual Summer Summit 2014. During his meeting with President Maurer, President Xi said he is looking forward to more exchanges and closer cooperation between the two countries on eco-civilization construction and development in mountain areas. Switzerland was the first European country who signed a Free Trade Agreement with China, bringing along competitive advantages in green finance, clean technology, low-carbon development, and circular economy.



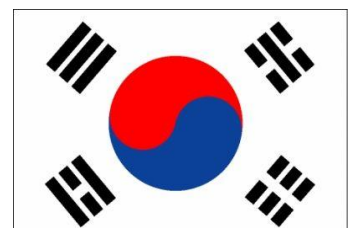
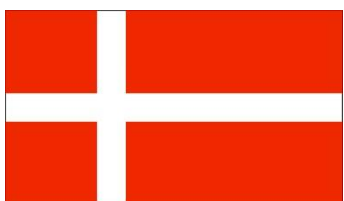
To introduce **Austria's** extensive experience in green urbanization and smart city development, EFG and the Austrian government co-organized a sub-forum "Urbanization: Establishing Smart Energy City – Learning from Austria's Experience". **Irene GINER-REICHL**, Austrian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and to Mongolia, has attended EFG's annual summer summit for three consecutive years, and believes in EFG's role as an international platform of promoting cooperation between Austria and China.



The **UK** has participated in EFG's events actively. At the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2014, **John PRESCOTT**, Former Deputy Prime Minister of the UK, delivered a speech, and the British Embassy co-organized the UK-China Clean Coal Seminar. Moreover, the British Royal Family has expressed interest in cooperating with the Forum.

Featuring distinctive theories and practices in the area of low-carbon urbanization, the Building and Construction Authority of **Singapore** co-organized the "Singapore Experience in Low Carbon Urbanization Forum" at the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2014 to share its experience.

In addition, countries such as **Brazil**, **Korea**, and **Denmark** have expressed their willingness to engage in a partnership with EFG to jointly promote sustainable development and eco-civilization construction.



## Partnership in Urbanization between the EU and China

**Romano PRODI**, Former Prime Minister of Italy and Former President of the European Commission

**Gerhard Schröder**, Former Chancellor of Germany



## New Pattern of Great Power Relations & US-China Cooperation in Sustainable Development

**Kevin RUDD**, Former Prime Minister of Australia

**Henry KISSINGER**, Former US Secretary of State and Honorary Chairman of EFG International Advisory Committee



## China-Africa South-South Cooperation

**Mulatu TESHOME**, President of Ethiopia



## Eco-civilization Construction in Asia

**Niwattamrong BOONGPAISAN**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand

**Julia Marton-Lefèvre**, Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)



## BRICS Roundtable

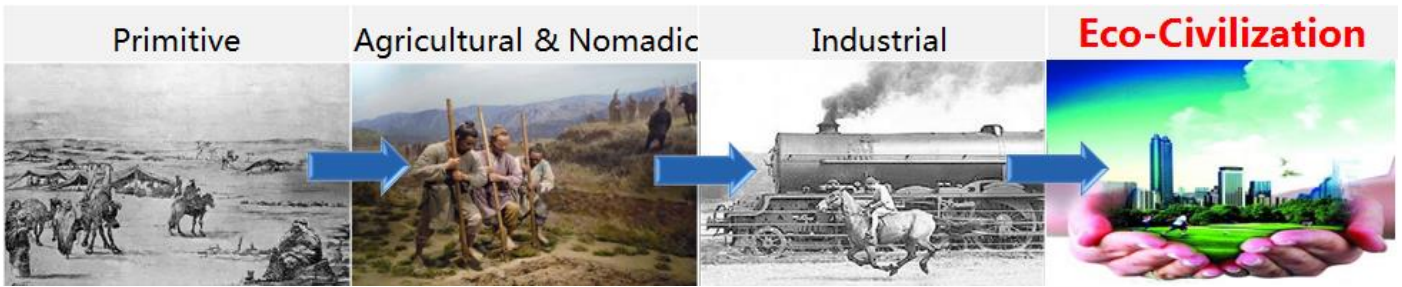
**Sergei IVANOV**, Chief of Staff, Presidential Administration of Russia attended EFG Annual Summer Summit 2014

**Antonio BENJAMIN**, Justice of National High Court of Brazil attended EFG Annual Summer Summit 2013 & 2014

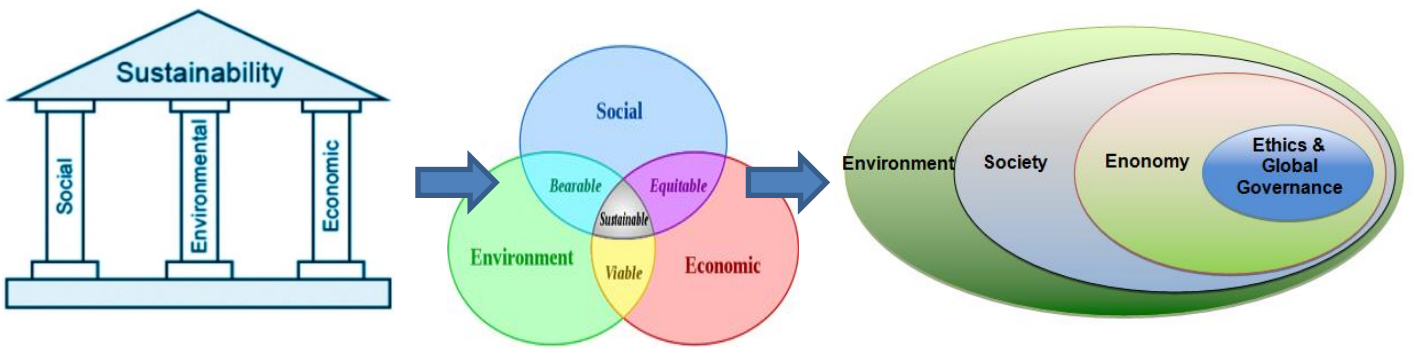
**Saumitra CHAUDHURI**, Member of Planning Commission Government of India



# Evolution of Civilizations



## Four Areas of Eco-Civilization Construction



International prevailing understanding of Sustainable Development

Understanding of Eco-Civilization

Green Industry	Inclusive Society	Eco-Safety	Ethics & Global Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Architecture</li> <li>• Smart City</li> <li>• Advanced Manufacturing</li> <li>• Big Data</li> <li>• Environmental Protection</li> <li>• Energy Conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Jobs</li> <li>• Rule of Law</li> <li>• Women</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• Public Interest</li> <li>• Public Health</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Air</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Ocean</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Wetland</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Consumption</li> <li>• Lifestyle</li> <li>• CSR</li> <li>• Religion</li> <li>• West &amp; East Dialogue</li> <li>• Global Governance</li> <li>• ...</li> </ul>

# OUR ORIGIN

**July 2014**

The **6th EFG Annual Summer Summit** themed around reforms was successfully convened, where institutional design and path direction of green development were intensely discussed.



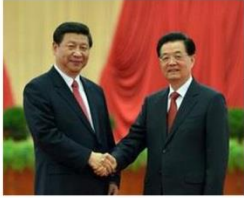
**July 2013**

The **5th EFG Annual Summer Summit** themed "Building Eco-Civilization: Green Transformation and Transition – Green Industry, Green Urbanization and Green Consumption Lead Sustainable Development" was successfully held, attracting over 4,000 people including domestic and international state leaders, entrepreneurs, scholars, and media representatives.



**November 2012**

The Eighteenth National Congress of the CPC was held to propose the "Five-in-One" Scheme which raised eco-civilization construction to the national strategic level.



**2009**

The first EFG Annual Summer Summit was successfully held. It first proposed "green economy" in China.



**December 1997**

The **Kyoto Protocol** was adopted in the UNFCCC COP3, which outlined the greenhouse gas emissions reduction obligation for Annex I countries.



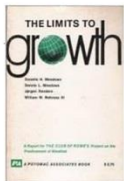
**1988**

Guizhou Provincial leaders made efforts to explore a development way leading to the harmony between human and nature, as well as social and economic sustainability, becoming the first to propose eco-construction.



**1972**

*The Limits to Growth* is a book modeling the consequences of a rapidly growing world population and finite resource supplies, commissioned by the Club of Rome.



**1962**

*Silent Spring* written by Rachel Carson was published and has become widely credited with helping launch the first environmental movement in human history.



**October 2014**

The forum "Green Finance Facilitating Smart New-Type Urbanization" was organized and convened by EFG in Hangzhou.



**November 2013**

The Third Plenary Session of the Eighteenth CPC Central Committee announced to intensify reforms of eco-civilization system and accelerate eco-civilization construction; the National Deepening Reform Leadership Team set up its first specialist group - Economic and Eco-Civilization Institutional Reform Specialist Group, indicating the inseparable relationship between eco-civilization construction and economic development as well as the great opportunity for green transformation.



**June 2012**

On the occasion of the UNFCCC-Rio+20 Summit, EFG successfully convened two side events at the Rio+20 Conference Center in Brazil, becoming the only Chinese organization of its kind that submitted a **voluntary commitment** to the Summit.



**2007**

Chinese Communist Party's Seventeenth National People's Congress first officially proposed the construction of **ecological civilization**.



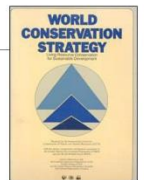
**1992**

**Agenda 21**, was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) held in Rio de Janeiro, June 1992.



**1980**

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) first articulately introduced and defined the notion of sustainable development in the history of mankind



**June 1972**

The world's first convention on environmental protection was convened in Stockholm.





## Circular Economy

Kuangdi XU, Honorary President of the Chinese Academy of Engineering



## Low Carbon Development

Zhenhua XIE, Vice Chairman of NDRC, addressed the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2011 & 2013 and attended the Carbon Trading forums which have been held for three consecutive years and aggregated the heads of major carbon exchanges in China.

## Green Economy

Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, delivered a speech at the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2013.

Shengxian ZHOU, Minister of Environment, attended multiple EFG conferences.

## Green Finance

Naoko Ishii, CEO of Global Environment Fund (CEF); Simon Zadek, Co-Director of the UNEP Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System; Zhongmin WANG, Vice President of the National Council for Social Security Fund; Xiqing GAO, Former President of the China Investment Corporation; Weihua MA, Former President of the China Merchant Bank; Dongsheng CHEN, Chairman of the Taikang Life Insurance; Jun MA, Chief Economist of the People's Bank of China



## Green Architecture

Yue ZHANG, President of Broad Group



## Ecological Environment

Shucong ZHAO, Minister of the State Forestry Administration



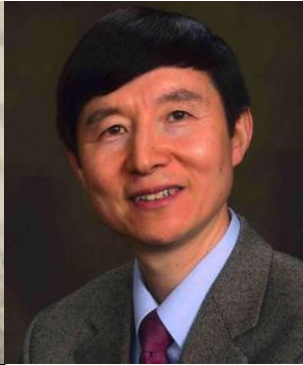
## Climate Change

Rajendra Pachauri, IPCC Chairman and Nobel Laureate



## Alternative Energy Sources

Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General of the International Renewable Energy Agency  
Shufu LI, Chairman of Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co. Ltd.



### Sustainable Development

Dahe QIN, Co-chair of Working Group I of IPCC, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, attended the EFG Summer Summit for several successive years. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser of United Nations Secretary-General Ban Kim-Moon, economics professor and Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University, attended the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2013.

### Advanced Manufacture, Big Data

Jun NI, professor of manufacture engineering at University of Michigan, Viktor Mayer-Schönberger, Co-author of *Big Data: A Revolution That Will Transform How We Live, Work,* attended the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2014.



Jinglian WU, a distinguished Chinese economist, addressed the EFG conferences. Angang HU, professor at Tsinghua University addressed the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2013.

### Universities

Richard Levin, American economist and Former President of Yale University, attended the EFG Annual Summer Summit 2010.



Harvard



Babson



Oxford



Cambridge



Yale University



Columbia



東京大学  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO  
Tokyo



清华大学  
Tsinghua



NUS  
National University of Singapore



香港大學  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



THE HONG KONG  
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY  
香港理工大學

## Jointly Seize the “Green Opportunity” - Cooperation among Mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan



TUNG Chee-hwa,  
Former Chief Executive  
of Hong Kong and  
Vice-Chairman of  
CPPCC



LIU Chao-shiuan,  
Chairman of the  
Association of Chinese  
Culture



CHIANG Pin-Kung,  
Chairman of the Third  
Wednesday Club and  
Former Chairman of  
Straits Exchange  
Foundation (SEF)



A meeting on  
environment between  
Yunlin CHEN and  
CHIANG Pin-Kung



Terry GOU, Chairman of  
Hon Hai Precision Ind.  
Co. Ltd (Foxconn  
Technology Group)

Ronnie CHAN



Guangya WANG, Director  
of the State Council's  
Hong Kong and Macau  
Affairs Office, believes  
that green development is  
a historical opportunity for  
Hong Kong's continued  
prosperity.



On 25 June 2014, Eco Forum Global along with a number of sport and entertaining celebrities organized a campaign for eco-civilization at Beijing Olympic Park Water Cube. Xiaogang FENG, Chinese leading movie director; Qihong LIU, Champion of the World Short Track Speed Skating and flag bearer at the 2014 Winter Olympics opening ceremony; Beijing university students, citizen representatives, media representatives, etc. joined the activity. Led by Yong FENG, Champion of the Track Cycling World Cup, all participants engaged in a bike ride around the Water Cube, advocating an eco-friendly lifestyle, and completed a 1.5-km ride. Afterwards, the organizing committee publicized the “Global Short Film Campaign 2014-2015” for all participants to discuss and assess, actively promoting the judging and exhibition of short films themed around eco-civilization.



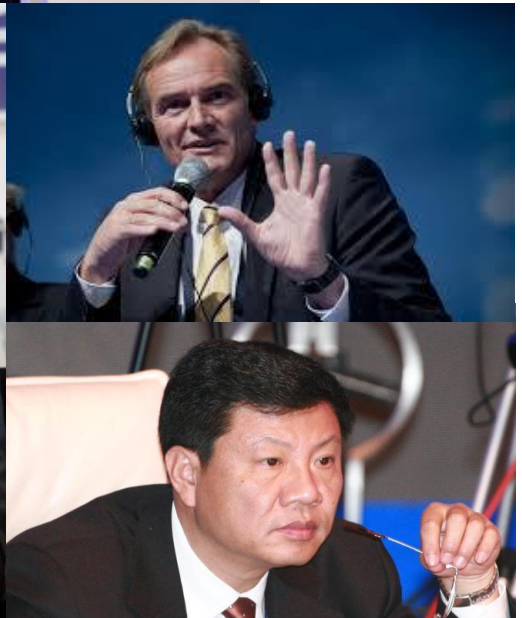
Other celebrities who have taken part in the campaigns for sustainable development organized by EFG include:  
 Jet Lee, Jackie Chan, Zhongjun WANG, Hanyu ZHANG, Chen YAO, etc.



EFG co-hosted the “China Urbanology Annual Conference 2014” in Hangzhou. ZHANG Xinsheng, Executive Chairman of EFG; Guoping WANG, Director of HIURC; Gongkan PAN, Former President of the Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA); and Kai TANG, Chief Planner of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development addressed the meeting.



**Hans d'Orville**  
Assistant Director-General for Strategic Planning of UNESCO gave speech on urbanization at the closing ceremony of EFG Annual Conference 2014.



### Green Urbanization

Baoxing Qiu, Former Deputy Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, ICLEI Secretary General Mayor of Leipzig, Mayor of Chengdu and Mayor of Guangzhou