

**China Strategic Environmental Assessment Forum**  
***Implementing the EIA Law in China: Five-Year Review and Prospect***

February 27- March 1, 2009

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and Nankai University will co-organize a China Strategic Environmental Assessment Forum from February 27 to March 1, 2009. To be held at CUHK campus, this forum will attract around 200 participants, coming from Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and other parts of the world. Several international and national agencies on environmental impact assessment will also participate.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was introduced to China more than three decades ago. Over the years a systematic EIA approach and a set of practices have been gradually evolved and established. In September 2003, the Environmental Impact Assessment Law (EIA Law) of the P. R. China came into force, which explicitly states that EIA is required for both new construction projects as well as plans. It has been one of the most important pieces of legislation introduced in China in the last decade. Among various assessment instruments, EA for plans is an important tool for applying SEA principles and achieving SEA objectives.

It is timely important to examine the grounds gained, to review the lessons learned and to explore how SEA can be made more effective to assure sustainability. With these objectives in mind, the Centre of Strategic Environmental Assessment for China of CUHK, in conjunction with the Research Center for Strategic Environmental Assessment of Nankai University and Environmental Impact Assessment Division of Chinese Environmental Science Society will jointly organize this forum with a theme of looking back and forward on SEA practices and effectiveness in China.

The forum will focus on the latest developments in the research and implementation of planning and other forms of EA with particular emphasis on SEA case studies, SEA approaches and methodology, and capacity building needs and opportunities

Besides the plenary and parallel sessions for keynote addresses and paper presentations, the forum will also include the following highlights: Roundtable on Strategic Environmental Assessment for Urban and Regional Development and Youth Forum on Strategic Environmental Assessment

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