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## UIBE Sets-Up a Research Platform for Studying the International Low-carbon Economy

In its second year, the International Low-carbon Symposium the opening ceremony also saw the inauguration of UIBE's International Low-carbon Economy Institute. Experts and ambassadors from China, Japan, Germany, the US and Europe were in attendance



to discuss global climate, China's response and position during the recent Copenhagen Summit, the future development of China's Low-carbon Economy, and more specifically, the development of Low-carbon, Low-cost resource recycling technologies.

As part of UIBE's internationalization efforts, the founding of an International Low-carbon Economic Research Institute, is an important step for UIBE.

Zhao Zhongxiu, Director of the International Low-carbon Economy Institute, and Dean of UIBE International Trade & Economics School (SITE) presided over the cer-



emony. Opening speeches were made by Chairman of China's Environmental Protection Foundation; Qu Geping Deputy Director of the CPPCC's Population, Resources and Environment Committee; former Vice Minister of the State's Environmental Protection Secretary Wang (seen below) welcomed and awarded the Advisors and members of Academic Committee.



Professor Xue Jinjun from Japan's Nagoya University explained the mission of the Institute by answering five questions: Why are we founding the institute? Who we

are? Why in China? Why Japan take part in it? What do we want to do? He offered the Institute's slogan, "Let's join the Low-carbon".

In his speech, Mr. Qu Geping pointed out that until now human industrial civilization has been built on fossil fuels, which is now threading the Sustainable Development of the modern human society. The old developmental model



must be replaced. Climate change is a serious threat. The future of the civilization must be built on new energy resources. The

development of the Low-carbon Economy is a path that we must follow. The Deputy Director of CPPCC Population, Resources and Environment Committee Wang Yuqing said, "under the pressure of both the Financial Crisis and climate change, the transformation of the current economic development model is imminent. This is the right time for the foundation of the International Low-carbon Economy Institute.

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Mr. Nishioka, the main organizer of Japan's Low-



carbon Society Plan, "Low-Carbon Asia", delivered a speech on "The path to the Low-carbon Society" explaining to integrate research into policy. For him, policy makers

should seek out ideas from the science and business, and build new research models and research centres to feed knowledge to policy-makers. "International cooperation is one of the most important requirements for developing sustainable development."

Mr. Hans-Peter-Duerr, Honorary Professor of the University of Munich in the field of Nuclear-Physics, listed a large number of examples of global climate change and explained the path of the low-carbon economy. For him, "successfully implementing the Low-carbon Economy is a challenge as well as an opportunity, that China is actively responding to the challenges of the Low-carbon Economy, using this historical opportunity for the development of a truly Low-carbon Economy as a new economic developmental model."



Pan Jiahua, a member of the International Institute of Low-carbon Economy Academic Committee, and Director of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Institute of Urban and Environment Research, talked about the global climate negotiation and China's response; explained Carbon tariffs; China's emission reduction goals; as well as the effects of the Copenha-

gen agreement.

Professor Lin Liangsi, Researcher, Professor of Environmental Sciences Research Institute of Nagoya University, and Director of International Transportation and Urban Research Center, and Chairman of Academic Committee of the World Transportation Association, gave a speech on "Low-carbon Transportation" and analysed the impact on the environment of the growing number of cars in Asia.

Wang Yi, the Deputy Director of the International Institute of Low-carbon Economy Academic Committee, Deputy Director of Science and Technology



Policy and Management Department of China Science Academy, and member of National People's Congress, talked about China's economic development, its goal

and policies for developing low-carbon economy.

Ito Hideaki, Researcher, Professor from Institute of Ecological Science, and Director of Material Recycling Research Center of Nagoya University, talked about "the development of Low-carbon, Low-cost resource recycling technology", and emphasized the importance of efficiently recycling resources, the development of renewable energy sources, and the need for a change of the life style.

Peng Jinxin, Deputy Director of the International Institute of Low-carbon Economy Academic Committee, member of the National Environmental Protection Ministry of Science and Technology Committee, and former Director of Policy and Regulation Department, Director of the Ecological Protection Division, pointed the existence of four trends of the international Low-carbon Economy: the development and

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a low-carbon economy; creation of low-carbon cities as an important component of low-carbon development; understanding carbon capture and carbon sequestration and developing climate-friendly technology.

Dr. Cai Bofeng, from the Environment Planning and Design Department of China Environment Protection Ministry, Low-carbon economy Energy Foundation Beijing Office Project Director Hu Min, Professor;



and Hao Renping From Toyo University Economic school presented their findings and China's progress in the creation of the low carbon economy.

The Dean of the Shanxi Normal University International Business School, Director of Climate Change and Environmental Economy Research Center, Professor Li Zhongmin, introduced the current results of the research and put forward valuable suggestions to the conference, suggesting UIBE's research in Low-

research into renewable low-carbon energy resources which is growing at an unprecedented pace; identifying key industries to speed up the transition to

carbon economy interdisciplinary, as well as training professionals in the field of Low-carbon Economy.

At the end of the conference, Researcher of the International Low-carbon Economy Institute, Professor from Nagoya University Mr. Takakuwa and Deputy Director of the International Institute of Low-carbon Economy Mr. Hiroyuki made concluding remarks.

The Director of the International Institute of Low-carbon Economy, Professor from Nagoya University Xue Jinjun made the conclusion, proposed a model plan for UIBE's International Institute of Low-carbon Economy.

Both the symposium and the inauguration of the International Low-carbon Economy Institute was a high impact event for UIBE and attracted the attention of the press: Xinhua News Agency, People's Daily, CCTV, Beijing TV, NetEase Finance and many other media outlets who conducted follow-up reports.

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