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China National Cleaner Production Center successfully held the “China - Nepal workshop on RECP practices and experiences exchange”

To positively respond to The Belt and Road Initiatives proposed by China’s central government, to actively fulfill the duties of the RECPnet Asia-Pacific Regional Executive, and to promote the Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) experiences exchange and technology transfer among China and neighboring countries, China National Cleaner Production Center (CNCPC) received the visit of a 7-person Nepal’s delegation respectively coming from Society for Environmental and Economic Development - Nepal (SEED-Nepal), Mercy Corps Nepal and related wool textile enterprises in Nepal from March 14 to 16, 2016.

International Cooperation Department of Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES), Environmental Standards Institute of Ministry of Environmental Protection of China, and China Wool Textile Association attended this workshop. Dr. Zhou Changbo, Deputy and Managing Director of CNCPC and other related staff introduced the status quo and progress of RECP in China, the development history of CNCPC, the major research fields and the past and on-going international cooperation projects implemented by CNCPC. He also introduced the RECPnet, including its objectives, main activities and the benefits of members, and explained the
application procedure. Mr. Xia Rui, from the International Cooperation Department of CRAES, introduced the progress of environmental protection international cooperation between CRAES and Nepal’s central government, and proposed several advices on the potential cooperation between CNCPC and SEED-Nepal. Ms. Wang Haiyan, Deputy Director of the Environmental Standards Institute of Ministry of Environmental Protection of China, introduced the environmental standard system of China, and made a depth discussion on the differences and potential bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental standards between China and Nepal. Ms. Wu Yanwen, Deputy Secretary-General of the China Wool Textile Association, introduced the development status quo of the wool textile industry in China, as well as the application of cleaner production technologies and equipments. The Nepal’s delegation expressed that they benefited a lot from the above introduction. Mr. Durga B.K., Director of SEED-Nepal, introduced the urgent demand and barriers on the establishment of national CP center in Nepal, and proposed willingness to join in the RECPnet and to cooperate with China as well as the other RECPnet members in terms of RECP technologies and capacity building, etc.
After the workshop, CNCPC accompanying with Nepal’s delegation made on-site visit to Beijing Snow-Lotus Cashmere Co., Ltd. and Beijing QuMei Home Furnishings Group Co., Ltd., inspected the situation of CP assessment implementation and CP options application, and made in-depth communication with the two enterprises in technical aspect.
After three-day interaction, discussion and on-site visits, China and Nepal reached preliminary cooperation intention as follows: First, Nepal expected to promote CP capacity building with the
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help of China’s experience and achievements in CP, and invite CNCPC to provide technical support on the establishment of Nepal National Cleaner Production Center. Second, aiming at wool textile industry, Nepal expected to introduce state-of-art production techniques and technical equipments from China to enhance the level of technology and pollution prevention and control in Nepal’s wool textile industry.

The above China-Nepal activities strengthened communication and cooperation between CNCPC and Nepal, laid a good foundation for continued cooperation, in the meantime expanded international influence of the RECPnet.