

Reports of Technical Visits / Seminars

Discussion Forum with delegates from CEPA and School of Environment and Natural Resources Renmin University of China

Date :	15 January 2004
Venue :	Conference Room, Manusell



A delegation of environmental academics from Mainland China, led by Professor Ma Zhong of the School of Environment and Natural Resources, Renmin University of China, was in Hong Kong for a study tour on the EIA process during 14 to 20 January 2004. The Institute held a reception for the delegation on 15 January. Members attending the reception included Alan Kwok, Freeman Cheung, Josh Lam, Matthew Ko, Clara U, David Green and Marcus Ip.

The reception started with a discussion session. The Chinese delegates were particularly interested in knowing more about guidelines for economic impact assessments in EIA studies, public participation in the EIA process and strategic environmental assessments. The delegates were particularly impressed by the transparency in the entire EIA system in Hong Kong, which was afforded by the extensive public consultation and participation throughout the EIA process.

The reception concluded with a very tasty Chinese supper at the Residents' Club of the Royal Ascot. The Institute is grateful for Josh Lam's arrangements for both the discussion session and the supper.

