

## Reports of Technical Visits / Seminars

### Seminar on Latest Development of EIA in Mainland China

Date :	6 December 2005
Topic :	Seminar/Dinner Reception with Mr Zhu Xin-xiang of SEPA : Latest Development of EIA in Mainland China
Speaker :	Mr Zhu Xin-xiang
Venue :	Tung Yuen Seafood Restaurant, Wan Chai

#### Summary

The Director of the EIA Management Division from the State Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Mr Zhu Xin-xiang and his assistant Dr. Li Tian-wei who is responsible for SEAs and Regional EIAs, were invited by the HKSAR government to visit Hong Kong from 2nd December to 7th. During their trip, they visited several government bureaus and were briefed by the Officers on the progress of the Mega Cross Border Projects like Hong Kong-Macau-Zhuhai Bridge, Shenzhen Western Corridor, Kowloon-Canton Railway Lok Ma Chau Station etc.

A welcome dinner reception was arranged by the HKIEIA at Wan Chai Tung Yuen Seafood Restaurant on 6 December 2005. Over twenty members of HKIEIA and the assistant director of the Environmental Protection Department of HKSARG, Mr Elvis AU attended the reception. Before the dinner, Mr Zhu briefed the members on the latest development of EIA management and practices in Mainland China. He also answered the questions from the members on the examination for the certification of EIA engineer in Mainland China. An annual examination of EIA engineer would be held in May 2006. We discussed the possibility of organizing a dedicated training session for the Hong Kong EIA practitioners to prepare for the examination and he welcomed the suggestion and would organize such training to be held in Shenzhen/Hong Kong if there is enough interest. We also discussed the opportunities to co-operate in capacity building programme and to share our experience through workshops or seminars to be organized in Mainland.

Mr Zhu was impressed by the EIA management in Hong Kong, especially the public participation in the EIA process. He invited HKIEIA to provide comments/suggestion on this though the deadline to receive comments from the public is on 7th December 2005. Please click [here](#) if members are interested to view the SEPA Consultation Paper (in traditional Chinese) on Public Participation.

We also invited Mr Zhu to participate in the upcoming "Regional Conference on Public Participation in EIAs" to be held in Hong Kong in June 2006 and exchange the experience with the Hong Kong EIA practitioners. SEPA has agreed to be a supporting organization of the Regional Conference and Mr Zhu will be a member of the Organizing Committee.

Photos taken at the Seminar/Dinner Reception.



Speech by Mr Zhu



Mr Zhu



Dinner at Tung Yuen



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