

中华人民共和国住房和城乡建设部

The Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, P.R.China

Subject: Invitation to the Launching Ceremony of the ASEM Eco-City Network & Workshop on the Network Operation Mechanism, Tianjin, China, 13-14 May 2010

Dear Sir/Madam:

At the Seventh Asia-Europe Summit held in Beijing in October 2008, China proposed the initiative of establishing the ASEM Eco-City Network with the co-sponsorship of Pakistan and the Netherlands. As proposed, the Chinese Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development will host a Launching Ceremony of the ASEM Eco-City Network & Workshop on the Network Operation Mechanism in Tianjin, China on 13-14 May 2010.

The objective of the ASEM Eco-City Network is to enhance the exchanges among ASEM partners on knowledge, expertise and best practices on the development of eco-cities, and encourage the international cooperation on eco-city projects and sustainable urban development. Relevant government officials from ASEM partners will be invited to attend the event to jointly launch the ASEM Eco-City Network and discuss the operation mechanism and action plans of the Network. We believe that the event will play an active role in facilitating the exchanges and cooperation among ASEM partners on eco-city development.

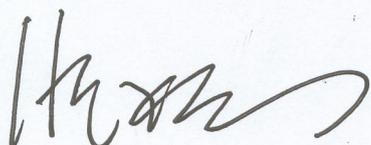
On behalf of the hosting organization, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of China, I am privileged to invite one or two representatives from your organization to participate in the event.

Attached please find a preliminary program of the event and the Concept Paper on ASEM Eco-City Network for your reference. The cost of international travel, local transportation and accommodation will be borne by the participants, and the host will cover the expenses of organizing the event.

For further information and registration, please refer to the website: www.ae-eco-city.net, or contact Ms. Lin Xiaonan from my department (tel:86-10-58934049, fax:86-10-68313669, email: linxn@mail.cin.gov.cn). It would be very much appreciated if you could confirm your attendance before 15 April 2010.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Tianjin.

Sincerely yours,



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