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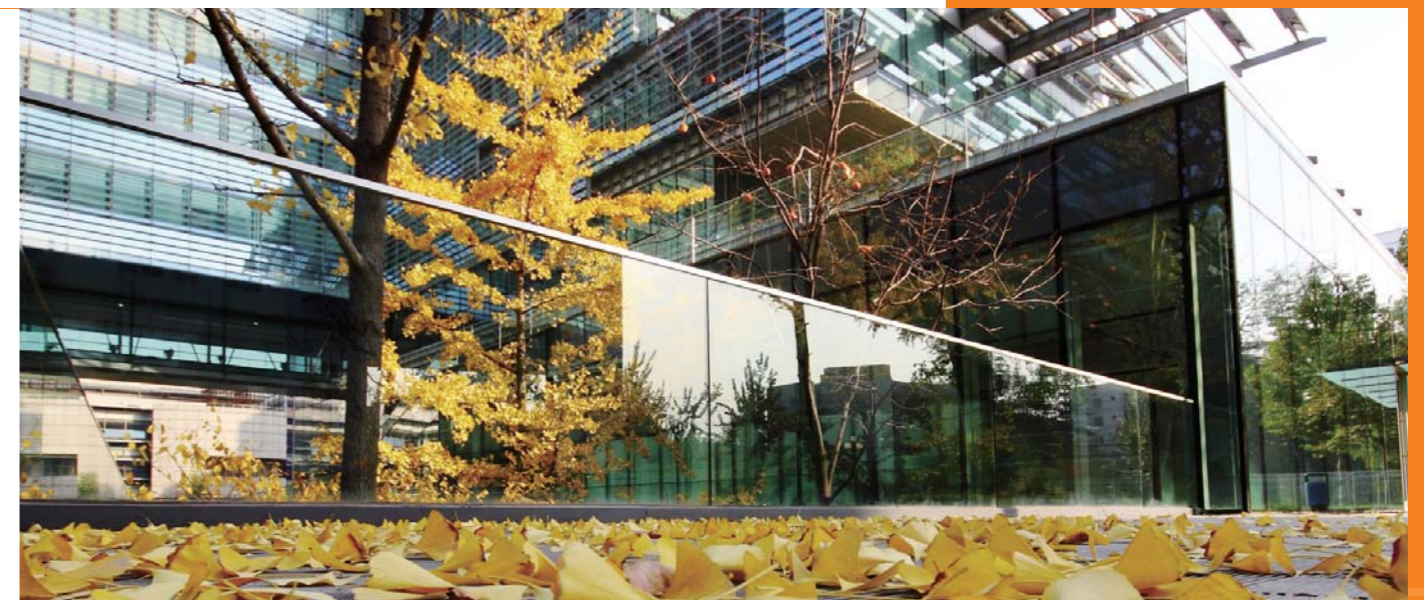
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News and Events

External Academic Program Review of Environment Science and Engineering



From May 26 to 28, an external review board was invited to conduct an on-site review of the academic program of DESE. This was the first time for DESE to organize such an international review. Chairman HU Heping of Tsinghua University Council, Executive Vice President CHEN Jining and Vice President XIE Weihe, had respective meetings with the review board members.

Over the course of three days, the members of the review board listened to the keynote report on the overall development of DESE's academic programs during the past five years given by Dean YU Gang, had extensive

discussion with the members of Department Council, Academic Affairs Committee and Degree Committee of DESE, interviewed with more than 200 faculty members and students, and visited the teaching and research facilities.

At the conclusion of the review, Prof. Perry McCarty, head of the review board, remarked that the rapid progress and great development of the environmental discipline of Tsinghua was amazing, and they were convinced that the activity and ability of DESE in the field of Environmental science and engineering was at the top in China and was gaining a strong reputation in the world.



The review board consists of 3 members from America's National Academy of Engineering: Prof. Perry McCarty from Stanford Uni-



versity, Prof. Vernon L. Snoeyink from UIUC, Prof. John Crittenden from Georgia Tech; Prof. Michael B. McElroy from Harvard University; Prof. Michael R. Hoffmann from California Inst Tech; Prof. Gatzke Lettinga from Wageningen University; Prof. Michael Bruce Beck from University of Georgia; Prof. Leen Hordijk from Institute for Environment and Sustainability, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission; Prof. Nigel Graham from Imperial College and Prof. Hiroshi Tsuno from Kyoto University.

2010 Commencement Ceremony of DESE Held

On the afternoon of July 19, the commencement ceremony of DESE was held at the lecture hall of SIEEB. Dean YU Gang, Chairman DU Pengfei of Department council, Vice Chairman JIANG Jianguo, Assistant Dean LIU Jianguo, and head teachers of grade 2006 attended the ceremony.

In his commencement address, Prof. YU Gang, Dean of DESE, extended his congratulations to the new graduates. He noted that it is worthwhile for all the graduates to strive for the great cause of environment protection for the whole life. He hoped that the students would bear Tsinghua mottos in mind, pursue excellence in their fu-

ture study and work, and contribute to the environment of the nation.

Two representatives of the graduates expressed their gratitude to the teachers, and made their determination to practice the spirits of

Tsinghua in their future work and study.

There are totally 153 graduates this year, including 87 undergraduate graduates, 45 master degree graduates and 21 Ph.D. graduates.



Inauguration Ceremony for the 2010 Freshmen of DESE Held

On Sep.7, the inauguration ceremony for the 2010 freshmen of DESE was held at SIEEB. Prof.

QIAN Yi, Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering, Prof. YU Gang, Dean of DESE and Chair-

man DU Pengfei of Department Council, attended the ceremony, which was chaired by Prof. ZUO

Jian'e, Deputy Dean of DESE. More than 200 freshmen and graduate candidates participated in the ceremony.

In her welcome speech, Prof. QIAN extended her hearty congratulations and warm welcome to all the undergraduates and graduate students. She noted that the situation of environment protection is quite rigorous in both China and the whole world, and urged all the students to work hard and make their own contribution to the cause of environment protection. Both Presidents of Student Union and Postgraduate Student Union of DESE gave a vivid description of the colorful campus life individually. Representatives of undergraduates and graduate students made speeches to express their ambitions in their future study and work.

On the ceremony, Associate Prof. LIU Jianguo, Vice Chairman of Department Council, introduced the Supporting and Incentive Plan targeting the Ph.D. candidates and the Individualized Teaching Plan targeting the undergraduates, which are initiated by DESE in order to promote the cultivation of outstanding innovative environmental talents. Then, Prof. YU



presented certificates to the student representatives selected into both Plans.

In the concluding speech, Prof. YU remarked, "Choosing DESE means choosing to bear the enormous responsibilities for humanity and the earth". He encouraged all the young people to improve themselves constantly to realize all-round development, and make efforts for the better environment.

This year, a total of 91 undergraduates (including 5 overseas students), 88 master's degree candidates (including 14 overseas students) and 46 Ph.D. candidates have been enrolled by DESE.

Alumni Representatives Launched 'Lvyin Fund' for DESE Development

To support the development of DESE, the alumni representatives of 1985 grade launched the 'Lvyin Fund' as a tribute to their alma mater in May. The initial donation of 20,000 RMB by the 1985 grade alumni has already flowed into the 'Lvyin fund' account specially established by Tsinghua University Education Foundation (TUEF). All the donations received from now on will become the seed money to encourage more donations to support the sustainable development of personnel training, team construction, scientific research

and social service of DESE.

This fund is administrated and supervised by TUEF. It is an endowment fund, only the interest of the principal is used. The specific use of the fund will be determined by the Department Council and jointly signed by the Dean and Chairman to confirm the expenses.

DESE Organized High Level Environment and Resources Lectures Given by Prestigious Chinese Scientists

On Sep. 16, the 22nd Tsinghua Environmental Forum was held in the lecture hall of SIEEB. Five world renowned environmental scientists were invited to give lectures to the faculty members and students of DESE, including WEI Fusheng, academican of Chinese Academy of Engineering and researcher of China National Environmental Monitoring Center, FANG Danqun, Director of U.S. Institute for Green Environmental Sciences and Visiting Professor of Zhejiang University, LIU Anmin, chairman of the U.S. AML Environmental Engineering Group and General Engineer of Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant in L.A., Professor PAN Weiping from West Kentucky University, and Professor LV Zhengxiong from University of Southern California. The forum was co-chaired by Academician HAO Jiming of DESE and Deputy Dean

JIANG Jianguo. HAO addressed the meeting and gave a warm welcome to the invited professors. Over 100 faculty members and students participated in this forum.

During the forum, WEI Fusheng made a keynote speech on 'Thoughts on Route Map of Environmental Protection of China'. FANG Danqun gave a lecture on the Development of Environmental Physics and the Rise of Green Industry, emphasizing the importance of the treatment of environmental physical pollution, and raising a new concept of 'Harmonious Physical Environment'. LIU Anmin shared his viewpoints on wastewater

treatment in China and proposed eight questions on how to definite the treatment area of wastewater treatment. PAN Weiping made a speech on the Carbon Dioxide and Mercury Control in Coal Combustion, and introduced the cutting-edge research progress on natural carbon cycle and chemical-looping combustion. LV Zhengxiong delivered a speech on his latest breakthrough in solid waste treatment technology.



National S & T Major Project Appraisal Group Visited DESE



On July 19, an appraisal group with 12 members, headed by Academician WANG Hao from China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, visited DESE to inspect and supervise the progress of Water Pollution Control and Treatment (WPCT), one of National S & T Major Projects (NSTMP). Prof. CHEN Jining, Deputy Chief Engineer of WPCT and Executive Vice President of Ts-

inghua University, made a general presentation on the organization and management, and the implementation of WPCT projects undertaken by Tsinghua University.

DESE, as a leading organization in the WPCT, has totally undertaken 13 projects of WPCT. Prof. HUANG Xia and Assistant professor CHEN Chao of DESE respectively introduced the progress of the research and demonstration of MBR denitrification and dephosphorization technology, and the emergency purification technology in drinking water plant.

After extensive information exchange and discussion with the project investigators, site tour, and the visit to

the achievements exhibition of WPCT, all experts of the appraisal group fully recognized the organization and management of WPCT, and spoke highly of the significant achievements made by DESE. Academician WANG, on behalf of the appraisal group, noted that the achieved results could provide technological support to meet the emergency need for drinking water safety and upgrade the sewage treatment plans in China.

Research & Achievements

China POPs Forum 2010 Held in Nanjing

From May 17 to 19, the China POPs Forum 2010 & 5th National Symposium on POPs was held at School of the Environment, Nanjing University. This forum was co-organized by Research Center for POPs of Tsinghua University, Stockholm Convention Implementing Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection, POPs Committee of Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences, as well as Environmental Chemistry Committee of the Chinese Chemical Society. With the theme 'POPs Generated from Waste Disposal', the forum brought together over 300 experts and representatives from POPs related research institutes, management departments and enterprises. YU Gang, Director of the POPs Committee of the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences and Dean of DESE, presided over the opening ceremony.

During the ceremony, DING Qiong, Chief of the Stock-



holm Convention Implementing Office, shared the recent progress on the implementation of the Stockholm Convention in China. Two specially invited experts, Yukio Noma from the National Institute for Environmental Studies of Japan, and ZHANG Mubin from the Environmental Engineering Institute of the National Central University of Taiwan, made speeches on experience and lessons drawn from waste disposal and

control of POPs in Japan and Taiwan respectively. ZHEGN Minghui from the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences of the Chinese Academy for Sciences gave a speech on 'Considerations on the Control of POPs in Solid Waste Incineration'. Vice-director GAO Shixiang of the Institute of Environmental Science of Nanjing University delivered a speech on

'Quantitative Structure and Activity Relationship of the Environmental Behavior of the Typical POPs', on behalf of WANG Liansheng, winner of '2010 Outstanding Contribution Award for Eliminating POPs'.

Over the course of three days, the forum contained 13 conference reports, 12 parallel session reports, 4 business reports, as well as 42

graduate student reports. And a total of 137 theses were accepted for publication. In addition, Over 10 POPs related enterprises both from home and abroad took the opportunity to exhibit their advanced technologies, equipments and products.

Symposium on Energy and Environment across the Taiwan Straits Held at DESE



On May 20, the Symposium on Energy and Environment across the Taiwan Straits was held at DESE, which was organized by Research Center for Industry of China's Circular Economy, Tsinghua University (CICE), affiliated to DESE. Representatives from CTCI Foundation, Chung-Hua Institute for Economic Research and CICE had a thorough exchange of views on energy and environment issues across the straits.

Focusing on new green policy, energy-efficient & environment-friendly mark, and circular economy and regional issues, experts from the Chinese mainland and Taiwan exchanged ideas on the research progress in energy and environment across the straits. After a

comprehensive discussion, both sides mapped out several potential cooperative research areas, including green economy, electronic waste management, carbon mark, and environ-

mental supervision, and reached a consensus on the collaborative research plan and the publication plan of the research results in the coming year. WEN Zongguo, Chief of the CICE, Chairman DU Pengfei of DESE Council and Prof. LI Jinhui

of DESE made speeches on circular economy and regional topics respectively.

Prior to the symposium, a Memorandum of Research Cooperation on Energy and Environment across the Straits was signed between Executive Vice President CHEN Jining of Tsinghua University and visiting Chairman ZHAN Huosheng of CTCI Foundation, aiming to strengthen the exchange and cooperation in the areas of energy and environment across the straits.



The 4th Advanced Technological Forum on Water Industry

Co-organized by DESE and the H2O-China Net, the 2010 (4th) Advanced Technological Forum on Water Industry was held in Beijing on June 11. Focusing on 'Technologic Challenges in New Industrial Era', this forum attracted more than 400 practitioners from the upstream and downstream of the water industry chain of scientific design, technologic facilities, and operation & management.

In the forum, experts and experienced technicians

commented on technological route and policies, analyzed practical cases, and shared with the participants the technological achievements in the forms of special topics, technology comparison, case analysis, and question & answer.

Four professors of DESE were invited to deliver speeches at the forum. They were Prof. WANG Kaijun on the leading effect of the technology route on water pollution prevention & control and the technology management system, Prof. LIU Wenjun on advanced water treatment engineering of ozone/biological activated carbon, Prof. HUANG Xia on the application of MBR in polluted/waste water treatment, and Prof. SHI Hanchang on some technological problems in the transform of municipal waste water treatment plant standard.

During the forum, the first 'General Engineer Forum' was initiated. Five industry well-known general engineers, including Prof. WANG Kaijun of DESE, jointly discussed the technological challenges and direction of the new industrial era.



Conference on Mainland-Macao Research Cooperation on Energy Saving and Environment Protection Held

The Letter of Intent (LOI) signing ceremony and working conference of research cooperation on energy saving and environment protection between Mainland and Macao was held in Beijing on July 20. It was jointly hosted by the Department of Social Development of the Ministry of Science and Technology of PRC (MOST) and the Environmental Protection Agency of Macao (DSPA), and co-organized by Tsinghua University. More than 20 representatives from government departments, research institutes and universities from both the mainland and Macao took part in this conference. Academician HAO Jiming, Prof. LI Jinhui and WANG Wei, and Associate Prof. WU Ye and MA

Yongliang of DESE were invited to this event.



On the meeting, MA Yanhe, Director of Department of Social Development of MOST, and ZHANG Shaoji, Director General of DSPA, signed the LOI of Research Cooperation on Energy Saving and Environment Protection between Mainland and Macao on behalf of both sides. Prof. LI and WU introduced the progress of the coopera-

tive projects mainly undertaken by DESE, including demonstration of electronic waste management and pollution control in Marco, and demonstration of vehicle emission pollution integrated control in Macao. Meanwhile, the attendees also discussed some other collaborative issues during the next stage, such as cooperation on indoor air treat-

ment and control technology, and joint workshops.

The success of the event will play a significant role in promoting the S & T cooperation in the field of energy saving and environment protection between the mainland and Macao.

DESE Hosted 2010 Symposium on Emergency Technology and Management of Municipal Water Supply



From Sep. 8 to 10, 2010 Symposium on Emergency Technology and Management of Municipal Water Supply was held in Jinan, capital city of Shandong province. This symposium was hosted by the Urban Water Management Office of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MHURD), and co-organized by DESE, Municipal Water Quality Monitoring Center of MHURD, and Jinan Water and Waste Water Monitoring Center. Prof. ZHANG Xiaojian of DESE chaired the meeting.

ZHANG Yue, Inspector of MHURD addressed the meeting. In his speech, ZHANG spoke highly of the progress of the emergency water supply project presided over by DESE, reviewed the experience and lessons of the emergency water supply learned from the major emergency water pollution incidents, and proposed new requirements in the future emergency water supply work and research.

This symposium was composed of three sections: emergency

treatment technology, emergency project construction and emergency organization and management. Over 130 representatives from universities, water utilities and industrial circles attended this meeting. After a thorough exchange on their respective experiences in municipal emergency water supply technology and management, the participants visited the Jinan Water and Waste Water Monitoring Center, the pilot research base of the Yellow River project, and the mobile emergency treatment plant developed by DESE.

Tsinghua-Yale Environment and Urban Sustainable Development Leadership Program Kicked off



On May 12, an opening ceremony was held at DESE to officially inaugurate 2010 Tsinghua-Yale Environment and Urban Sustainable Development Leadership Program (EUSDLP), which is jointly organized by Tsinghua University (THU), Yale University and China Association of Mayors (CAM). Mr. QIU Baoxing, Vice Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, and ZHANG Fugen, Deputy Director of Cadre Training Bureau of Organizing Department of Central Committee of C.P.C., addressed the ceremony separately. Vice President CHEN Jining of THU delivered a welcome address. Vice Chairman TAO Siliang of CAM, Dean YU Gang of DESE, Chairman DU Pengfei of DESE Council and Deputy Dean J. Alan Brewster of Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (F&ES), as well as all the participants of this year's program attended the ceremony.

From 2004 to 2006, the program had been successfully implemented for three sessions as the first phase, earning a wide attention around China. The program

aims to provide leadership education on environment and sustainable development issues for Chinese mayors, government officials, corporate executives and managers of non-governmental organizations who are responsible for urban planning and development. At present, the program has been highly valued by the Organizing Department of Central Committee of C.P.C., thus been included in 'National High-ranking Leading Cadre Training Program Plan in 2010'.

The program of 2010, taking place at DESE and Yale in succession, came to a successful conclusion in late May. A number of renowned Chinese and American environmental experts, including Academician Qian Yi and Hao Jiming of DESE, were invited to give lectures. Various workshops and site visits to related demonstration projects in the US were also organized during the training. This year's program attracted 18 senior officials from 10 provinces and central institutions of government.



Taiwan Chiao Tung University Visited DESE

On Aug. 26, a 7-member delegation from Taiwan Chiao Tung University (TCTU), headed by President WU Chongyu, visited DESE. Prof. YU Gang, Dean of DESE, Prof. HUANG Xia, Director of Academic Affairs Committee of DESE, and Prof. LIU Wenjun, Vice Chairman of DESE Council, met with the guests.

During the conversation, Prof. YU introduced the history and development of DESE in terms of talents cultivation, scientific research, social service and international cooperation. President WU highly affirmed the achievements made by DESE in both teaching and research. He noted TCTU would pay more attention to the devel-



opment of environmental discipline, and expected to establish relation with DESE to make joint efforts to address some environmental problems. Prof. HUANG Zhibin,

Director of Water Research Center of TCTU, introduced the 'Diamond Plan' initiated by TCTU, aiming to strengthen the collaboration with its counterparts in the Mainland. He

UNEP Senior Economist SHENG Fulai Visited DESE

On Sep. 29, Mr. SHENG Fulai, the senior economist of UNEP's Economics and Trade Branch, visited DESE and delivered a speech on green economy for DESE's faculty members and students. Dean assistant LIU Shuming and Prof. ZHANG Tianzhu gave a warm welcome to Mr. SHENG.

In his speech, SHENG Fulai introduced the conception of green economy and some related researches being carried out in the UNEP, which included the global green economy report and the global green new deal etc. He also explained the current problems in these researches, and had a deep interactive discussion on the promotion and implementation of green economy with the participants.

After the lecture, Dean YU Gang and former Deputy Dean HU Hongying had talks with SHENG Fulai.

SHENG Fulai's areas of expertise include integrated policymaking, in-



also briefed the general information of Energy & Environment Lab and the Institute of Environmental Engineering of TCTU. Then the two sides exchanged ideas on some environmental hotspots of mutual concerns, and discussed the possibility of the cooperative modes, such as 'Diamond Lab' building and joint education programs.

After the meeting, the delegation visited the research platform and relevant labs of DESE.

The Awards Ceremony of the 1st VE Outstanding Innovation Talent Scholarship Award Held



On the afternoon of June 4, the awards ceremony of the 1st VE Outstanding Innovation Talent Scholarship was held at DESE. Mr. Jorge Mora, CEO of Veolia Environnement Asia and Prof. YU Gang, Dean of DESE, attended the ceremony and presented the awards to the winners.

Totally 9 undergraduate students and 9 graduate stu-

A DESE Ph. D. student received the 2010 Outstanding Young Ph. D. Environmental Talents Scholarship

On Sep. 4, the Awards Ceremony of 2010 Outstanding Young Ph. D. Environmental Talents Scholarship funded by Shanghai Tongji GAO Tingyao Environmental S&T Development Foundation was held in the environmental industry park of Yancheng city, east China's Suzhou province. Mr. ZHANG Xiaoyuan, a Ph. D. candidate of DESE, along with other 19 Ph. D. students from 13 universities won the honour, and five of them would be recommended for advanced study in Germany.

On the ceremony, ZHANG Xiaoyuan, on behalf of all

The 5th Tsinghua Environmental-friendly Science & Technology Competition Ended Completely

On Sep. 7, the 5th Tsinghua Environmental-friendly Science & Technology Competition organized

dents won the awards. They all have good comprehensive quality, especially in scientific innovation and academic research. Some of them are winners of the "Challenge Cup" Scientific and Technology Competition, or winners of the Scientific Rising Star selected by Tsinghua University.

The Veolia Environnement Scholarship (100,000 RMB per year) is set to encourage the students at DESE to have more dedication to their

research and thus to help them cultivate abilities for future leadership in the governance of the environmental issues. It will also help to foster a better understanding between Veolia Environment and DESE, strengthening VE's influence among the young generation of environmental enthusiasts.

the prizewinners, gave a speech to express their determination to struggle for a better environment of our home planet.

The Foundation aims at the promotion of environmental industry development and the cultivation of environmental talents. The annual Awarding Ceremony of Outstanding Young Ph.D. Environmental Talents Scholarship has been successfully held for six consecutive years.

by DESE came to a successful end. Finally, ZHU Wangjiang from the Department of Automation of Tsing-



ghua University won the first prize for object innovation with his work of 'A Safe and Electricity-Saving Power Switch'. GUO Feihong from Nanjing University and SUN Hao-tian from DESE respectively won the first prize for theoretical innovation with their works of 'Discussion on the New Treatment Mode for Waste Water in New Countryside Construction' and 'Key technology and Potential Analysis of the Combination of Operating Microbiological Fuel Cell and Producing Microalgae Biodiesel by Using

timely turned off, which promises a good application prospective in university dormitories. The two theoretical award-winning works discussed the optimized treatment and reuse of waste water, which have very strong realistic meaning.

Launched on November 2009, this year's competition received a total of 93 pieces of work from 39 universities. The number of participating universities increased from 26 to 39. After the first trial and final judgment, 15 pieces of work

Waste Water Resources'.

The innovative safe and electricity-saving power switch is designed for the elimination of electricity waste and potential safety risk when the light is not

won the prize, including 8 pieces of theoretical innovation works and 7 pieces of object innovation works.

The prizewinner WANG Fan from Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology said, "Taking part in the competition was a memorable experience, we're very glad to have the chance to get the precious advice from the teachers and communicate with talents from all over the country".

Aiming to encourage university students to participate in the construction of energy-saving and environment-friendly society with innovative technological ideas, this competition is gaining more and more popularity. Now the organizers are working for oversea expansion of this competition.

Student Green Association (SGA) of Tsinghua Welcomed Danish Prince's Visit

On Sep. 25, Prince Joachim of Denmark visited Tsinghua University. Led by Vice President YUAN Si of Tsinghua University, Prince Joachim rode a bicycle together with students of SGA around the campus to promote green travel and environmental awareness. Friis Arne Petersen, Ambassador of Denmark to China, accompanied him on the visit. At a ceremony later, Prince Joachim gave five lucky Tsinghua students bicycles which had been exhibited in the Danish Pavilion at World Expo 2010 in

Shanghai. Another same bicycle was presented to SGA by the Danish Embassy.

Co-organized by Office of International Cooperation & Exchange and SGA of Tsinghua, this event was part of the 'Back to Bike' campaign launched by the Danish Embassy.

Initiated by the young environmental enthusiasts of DESE, SGA was established in 1995, which is one of the earliest students associations on environmental protection in China. Now it has grown up to

a well-organized group with over 2000 members and a wide range of activities have been organized by them to raise public environmental awareness.

