**Project Description**

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| Name | Seminar on Scientific and Technological Innovation Capacity and Standardization of Bamboo Industry for Developing Countries 2017 | | | | | |
| Organizer | International Centre for Bamboo and Rattan | | | | | |
| Time | 2017-05-05 to 2017-05-25 | | | Language | | English |
| Invited Countries | Government officials engaged in forestry, agriculture, science and technology, standardization, natural resource and environment protection from developing countries. | | | | | |
| Number of Participants | 25 | | | | | |
| Requirements for the  Participants | Age | Under 50 for director general’s level; under 45 for division director’s level | | | | |
| Health | In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China’s laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant. | | | | |
| Language | Capable of listening, speaking, reading and writing in English | | | | |
| others | Chinese Government will not pay for any expenses of relatives or friends of the participants if they come to China with the participants. | | | | |
| Host City | Beijing | | Local Temperature | | 16℃-28℃ | |
| Cities to visit | Anji, Huzhou, Hangzhou Taiping, Huangshan | | Local Temperature | | Zhejiang province: 17℃-26℃  Anhui province: 18℃-26℃ | |
| Notes | 1.Please prepare a country report(PPT) on bamboo and rattan resources and utilization in your country;  2.Please take one pair of comfortable shoes for outdoor visits;  3.Please take some frequently-used medicine, like malaria or cold medicine etc.;  4.Please apply for Skype account and charge for it, so you can use it to communicate with your family in China;  5.Please take your laptop in case you need it, as some hotel may not provide computers;  6.Please take one set of formal clothes or national traditional clothes for ceremony and meeting;  7.Please take business cards to exchange with related personnel during visiting companies;  8.Please email us in advance if you have other needs about the training. | | | | | |
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| About  The  Organizer | The International Centre for Bamboo and Rattan (ICBR) was approved to be established in 2000 by State Commission Office for Public Sector Reform, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Science and Technology, which was a non-profit research institution under the State Forestry Administration (SFA). Its mission is to directly serve the first China-based intergovernmental international organization - the International Network of Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) - in supporting and cooperating with the work of INBAR to promote sustainable development of the international bamboo and rattan industries.  ICBR’s main responsibilities and tasks are: to launch scientific research in bamboo and rattan for better resource conservation, development and utilization; to carry out international cooperation and exchanges in related fields for INBAR member countries; to train senior professionals by disciplinary and personnel development; to spread out scientific R&D, technological services and promoting use of the products to speed up the bamboo industry; to unfold both international and domestic technical training; and to provide logistics support services to headquarter of INBAR.  Since 2005, sponsored by Ministry of Commerce and State Forestry Administration, ICBR organized 28 international seminars themed on bamboo & rattan or combating desertification; it has trained a total of 818 senior government officials, business executives and senior technical staff from 80 countries. These seminars play a very important role in promoting the development of bamboo and rattan sector and combating desertification worldwide. It is noteworthy that Premier Li Keqiang met with the Ministers who joined the Ministerial Workshop on Bamboo and Rattan, and Mr. Ban Ki-moon, the Secretary General of the United Nations sent a congratulatory message for International Seminar on the Combating Desertification for African Countries in 2011. | | | | | |
| Seminar Content | Sponsored by Ministry of Commerce of China, ICBR will organize the Seminar on Scientific and Technological Innovation Capacity and Standardization of Bamboo Industry for Developing Countries 2017. Focusing on technological innovation of bamboo industry and bamboo standardization, the seminar will cover the following topics: the overview of bamboo resources in China and rest of the world; policies on bamboo industry development in China; bamboo role in poverty eradication and income increasing; China standardization system and its development; Development and standardization of bamboo and rattan products; Bamboo innovative construction and standardization; ISO bamboo standardization, and bamboo and rattan products' customs code and international trade, etc. On the basis of lectures, extensive exchanges and in-depth discussion among participants and lecturers also arranged during the seminar. At the same time, field trips to China Bamboo Towns in Anhui and Zhejiang Provinces will also be organized. The participants are also invited to attend the “International Seminar on Bamboo Standardization”, jointly organized by ICBR, ISO/TC 296 and INBAR.  Through learning and exchanging advanced experience of sustainable management and utilization of bamboo resources, technological innovation and standardization, to enhance understanding of senior government officials from developing countries on the important role that bamboo has played in poverty alleviation and environmental protection through high-level exchanges, and eventually promote the sustainable development of bamboo industries and fair trade order in developing countries. | | | | | |