

The International Conference on Environmental Concerns and Emerging Abatement Technologies



Mr. Wen Jiabao (the fifth from left), met with some conference participants and NSFC members.

“The International Conference on Environmental Concerns and Emerging Abatement Technologies” co-sponsored by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW), the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Delft University of Technology, was held in Beijing from Oct. 9-12, 2001.

As the largest international academic symposium on environmental S&T ever held in China, the event provides a unique opportunity for environmental scientists, manufacturers, funding agencies and policymakers to communicate their research findings, which is of particular significance after Beijing won the 2008 Olympic bid. On the other hand, this is also an appropriate chance for overseas scientists to learn about the latest

development in environmental research in China, which is, to the surprise of many of the attendants, approaching the international forefront. During the four-day conference, about 40 prominent experts in the area from home and abroad delivered speeches, including the 1997 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Prof. Dr. Paul Crutzen. In his letter to Mr. Wen Jiabao, Vice Premier of the State Council, Dr. Paul Crutzen wrote, the world needs the contribution and wisdom of young Chinese scientists and I have met many such scientists during this conference. In nature, environmental study is global, thus it is inevitable for scientists throughout the world to work together for the peace of mankind.

On Oct. 9, Mr. Wen Jiabao met with part of the attendants, exchanging ideas on issues of common interest on environmental protection both in China and throughout the world.

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