



PROGRAMME

CHINA: TOWARDS AN *INNOVATIVE SOCIETY* -- THE RISKS, THE OPPORTUNITIES

Monday 13 – Friday 17 November 2006

831st WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

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MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Day one: Context-setting, and the 11th Five-Year Plan (2006 – 2010)

1500

Welcome to Wilton Park

Adela GOOCH

Programme Director, Transitional States, Wilton Park

1515-1645

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SESSION 1

CHINA YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

James B. GREEN

Head, East Asia Department, Office of Policy Planning, US Department of State, Washington

Frances WOOD

Head, Chinese Department, British Library, London

ZHENG Yongnian

Head, Research, China Policy Institute, Nottingham University, Nottingham

1645-1730

Photograph and Tea

1730-1900

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SESSION 2

11TH FIVE-YEAR PLAN (2006 – 2010)

LIU Xu

Director, International Trade Department, Institute for International Economic Research, National Development and Reform Commission, Beijing

Stephen PERRY

Chief Executive, London Export Corporation Limited, London



TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Day two: Challenges facing China – rural/ urban balance, regional balance, social/ economic balance, balance between people and natural environment, and balance between domestic development and outreach

- 0900-1030 3 **SESSION 3**
THE URBAN- RURAL DIVIDE
LI Chenggui
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) Rural Development Institute, Beijing
- 1100-1230 4 **SESSION 4**
INEQUALITIES IN SOCIETY
Nick YOUNG
Editor-in-Chief, China Development Brief, Beijing
- 1500-1630 5 **SESSION 5**
ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY CHALLENGES
HU Tao
Policy Research Centre; State Environment Protection Agency (SEPA); Beijing
- LI Junfeng**
Deputy Director of the Energy Research Institute, National Development Reform Commission, Beijing
- Gordon WILSON**
President, BP Acetyls China, PB plc, Chongqing
- 1700-1830 6 **SESSION 6**
WORKING GROUPS I
Health
ZHANG Kaining
Director, Institute for Health Sciences, Kunming Medical Institute (IHS, KMC), Yunnan Reproductive Health Research Association (YRHRA), Kunming
- Urbanisation**
Jeanne-Marie GESCHER
Founder and CEO, Claydon Gescher Associates (CGA), Beijing
- Water**
LI Shuzhi
Director, Department of Reform Theory, *China Reform*, Beijing

WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Day three: An introduction to President Hu Jintao's key concept of a *harmonious society* and exploration of the ideal of innovation

- 0900-0930 **WORKING GROUPS I FEEDBACK**
- 0930-1045 7 **SESSION 7**
CREATING A HARMONIOUS SOCIETY
CHAIR: Anthony GALSWORTHY
Former UK Ambassador to China; Adviser on Chinese Affairs, Standard Chartered Bank, London
- CAO Rongxiang**
China Centre for Comparative Politics and Economics, Beijing
- 1115-1230 8 **SESSION 8**
INNOVATION IN POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS
LAM Willy
Professor of China and Global Studies, Akita International University, Akita

INNOVATION – TO SERVE THE PEOPLE?

Jeanne-Marie GESCHER

Founder and CEO, Claydon Gescher Associates (CGA), Beijing

1330

Optional excursion to Brighton Pavilion, Brighton

1730-1900

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**SESSION 9: CHINA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD
CHINA QUESTION TIME**

James HARKNESS

President, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, Minneapolis

Bobo LO

Head, Russia & Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London

Elizabeth WRIGHT

Chair, China Policy Institute, University of Nottingham, Nottingham

ZHUANG Jianzhong

Vice Director of the Centre for National Strategy Studies; The International and Public Affairs School; Jiaotong University; Shanghai

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Day four: The way forward. Is innovation the answer to China's issues and challenges? Can China become an innovative state?

0900-1030

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**SESSION 10
CHINA'S INDEPENDENT INNOVATION
Charles LEADBEATER**

Writer and Independent Adviser, London

FU Jing

Science Journalist, China Daily, London

1100-1230

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**SESSION 11
INNOVATION IN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

WORKING GROUPS II

The Ageing Society

Nicholas MONTAGU

Former Chairman, Inland Revenue Board, London

Administration

Ian SECKINGTON

Principal Research Officer, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), North Asia and Pacific Research Group, London

Education

Tony DAVISON

Senior Education Consultant, British Council (1997 to 2005) / Independent Consultant, Education, Manchester

Bernadette ROBINSON

Professor, UNESCO Centre for Comparative Education Research, School of Education, Nottingham University, Nottingham

Science Policy and Organization

Robin PORTER

Former Counsellor for Science and Innovation, British Embassy, Beijing

1500-1630

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**SOCIAL INNOVATION
Rushanara ALI**

Associate Director, The Young Foundation, London

Kate NOSOWSKA

Consultant, Modernising Government, British Council, Manchester

BEIJING TELEVISION – PRESENTATION SHOWING OF BTV DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION

LIN Fei

Producer Beijing Television (BTV), Beijing

1700-1730

WORKING GROUPS II FEEDBACK

1730-1830

13 **CLOSING SESSION**

Will HUTTON

Chief Executive, The Work Foundation, London

Gerard LEMOS

Deputy Chair, British Council, London

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Conference Dinner

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

0915

Participants depart