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EU-China Summit, Beijing - 30 November 2009

At the recent EU-China Summit, China and the EU reaffirmed the aim to develop and demonstrate, in China and in the EU Member States, advanced near-zero emission power generation technology through carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS). China welcomed the Conclusions of the EU Environment Council of 21 October 2009, regarding the follow-up EU-China NZEC project, and the pledge by the European Commission of up to 57 million Euros to the project.

The Commission and Chinese Government also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Phase II of the Near Zero Emissions Coal (NZEC) project, which will undertake the selection and design of a CCS demonstration plant in China and characterisation of the CO₂ storage site. Key points included:

- Agreement to first carry out and finalise pre-feasibility work before conducting a feasibility study as part of Phase II.
- Feasibility study to be implemented by European and Chinese companies and experts with a balanced role for both sides.
- Emphasis on joint work for knowledge sharing and technology development - a mechanism will be agreed for mutual exchange of information between European and Chinese CCS activities.
- European Commission financial support of €7m, and further cooperation with EU and EEA member states.
- Phase II will be completed by 2012.
- A Steering Committee will oversee the project, and will include representatives from participating EU and EEA member states.

Further information on the next phases of NZEC can be found [here](#).

Secretary of State Ed Miliband also announced at the CSLF Ministerial that the UK would contribute £6m to NZEC Phase II, as part of a package of funding with other European countries.

EU-China NZEC Phase I Final Conference, Beijing - October 2009

This event presented findings from Phase I of the EU-China Cooperation on Near Zero Emissions Coal. Phase I comprised a number of interrelated projects, namely:

- UK-China NZEC Initiative
- COACH
- STRACO2
- GEOCAPACITY

The conference was very well attended with participants from China, Europe, the US, Australia and elsewhere. The participants covered a broad spectrum of interests, including R&D, academia, industry, government and NGOs.

The agenda and related reports and presentations are available at:
www.nzec.info and www.ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/china.htm

Ed Miliband's video address to the conference



Bill Senior presenting summary findings from UK-China NZEC Initiative



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