China Denmark Regions and Cities Forum 2018 in Aarhus/Central Denmark Region 2018
20th - 21st of November 2018 – Preliminary Programme

Strengthening the cooperation between China and Denmark on regional and local level is an integrated part of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the China-Denmark joint Work Programme 2017 to 2020.

The first China Denmark Regions and Cities Forum was held in Beijing in December 2016 on the initiative of The Royal Danish Embassy in Beijing and Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC).

The second Forum will be held in Aarhus in November 2018 and is hosted by the City of Aarhus and co-hosted by Central Denmark Region together with The Royal Danish Embassy in Beijing and Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC).

The Forum in Aarhus will build on the numerous Sister City relationships between Chinese and Danish municipalities and provinces/regions and the cooperation areas covered by these partnerships, thus supporting the national agenda of cooperation between China and Denmark.

The timeframe of the conference is 2 days. Day 1 will have the Opening Session and Plenary Session, 3 parallel workshops and the official dinner. Day 2 will contain site visits to technical installations, companies and institutions in Aarhus and Jutland.

Visits to the respective Sister Cities and Regions are optional on the 3rd day.

The first day will be held at the City Hall of Aarhus and the adjacent Concert Hall. The hotels for the participants are all situated within walking distance from these facilities. The second day will offer bus transport to interesting sites related to the three themes of the Forum:

- Green Solutions
- Health and Eldercare
- Agriculture and Food
Programme

Day 1 - November the 20th
09:00 - 10:00 Opening Session - Aarhus City Hall
10:30 - 11:30 Plenary Session - Aarhus City Hall
12:00 - 13.30 Lunch - Aarhus Concert Hall
13:30 - 16.30 Workshop 1 - Green Solutions, Aarhus Concert Hall
Workshop 2 - Health & Eldercare, Aarhus Concert Hall
Workshop 3 - Agriculture & Food, Aarhus Concert Hall
18:30 - 20:30 Official Dinner, Aarhus City Hall

Day 2 - November the 21st - Site visits
09:00 - 20:00 Sustainable Cities/Regions
Water and Waste Water in Cities
Climate Change Adaption & Soil Contamination
Health And Eldercare
Chronic Diseases & Mental Health
Sustainable Agriculture
Safe & Sustainable Food

Opening of the Forum

November the 20th
09:00 - 10:00 Opening Session - Aarhus City Hall
10:30 - 11:30 Plenary Session - Aarhus City Hall
VIP opening
VIP speeches from Danish and Chinese side
Keynote speeches from Danish and Chinese side
Signing Ceremony

Key issues:
Strengthening the cooperation at local and regional level between China and Denmark
10-year anniversary of the China Denmark Comprehensive Partnership Agreement
How to enhance green solutions, health and eldercare and agriculture and food in a local/regional context
Partnership for Agriculture and Food

China and Denmark share the same visions and goals for their agricultural sectors: to produce safe food of a high quality with environmental care.

High standards of safety in the production of food is a complex issue as it involves all stages of a fully comprehensive production chain to give consumers confidence in getting safe and nutritious food.

This track presents the core rationales and high-end AGRI-Tech solutions for achieving a sustainable production of safe and high quality food products.

This track offers:
- Overview of the Danish [administrative/regulative] approach to sustainable agriculture
- Presentation of some of the most advanced AGRI-Tech solutions in Denmark
- Key knowledge on sustainable reuse of animal manure as fertilizer
- Learn about the dairy cooperative movement in Denmark
- Examples of Danish-Chinese cooperation in this field

Partnership for Efficient Healthcare

Cities and regions in China and Denmark are facing similar challenges: how to provide healthcare to an aging population who lives longer and who thus suffers from an increasing number of chronic diseases. This track investigates Danish and joint Danish/Chinese solutions to the increasing demand for healthcare and eldercare services and subsequent the rising expenditures.

By attending this track you will:
- Gain knowledge of some of the advanced welfare technologies that are implemented in Denmark.
- Learn about how to evaluate the benefits of new technology before investing larger scale. Based on a real business case where a Danish municipality has evaluated new technology based on certain parameters prior to purchase.
- Hear about recent trends in digital education in Denmark and China. Experience a presentation of an online platform targeting healthcare professionals in China.
- Learn about concrete examples of further education targeting nurses in China. How to get started with education cooperation? What can Denmark offer?
- Experience Danish eldercare at first hand
- Learn about mental care and treatment of chronic diseases in primary care and hospitals

Partnership for Green solutions

China and Denmark face similar challenges of lack of clean, affordable energy, risks of environmental pollution and contamination, scarcity of clean water and rapidly growing cities and regions.

A focus on producing, consuming and managing sustainable energy, ensuring water security, correct environmental treatment and creating smart, green and liveable cities are also critical factors. However, no single technology or sector can achieve this transition alone. Creating green societies and blue skies require an integrated approach where solving multiple challenges through partnerships is the key.

By attending this track you will get an insight and:
- Obtain examples of how energy efficiency can be achieved in both domestic and industrial contexts
- Discuss the challenges with water and see how even wastewater can enhance energy efficiency and circular economy
- Understand how climate change adaption and cleansing of soil can solve multiple challenges and improve the environment
- Discover how collaboration and dialogue are central elements in the green transition shown through excellent examples of cross-border partnerships

3 parallel workshops
Site visits - November the 21st

1. Focus on Sustainable cities and regions, energy efficiency, sponge cities – visit to Green Tech Center and Resilience House in Vejle – visit to Danfoss in Soenderborg and Green District Heating, Project Zero (carbon). Visit to passive houses and energy efficient buildings.

2. Focus on Water and how we handle wastewater, clean water and surface water – visit to advanced water plant in Aarhus and visit to industrial water treatment and recirculation plawnnt at Arla – one of the world’s leading diary producers. Visit to Grundfos Center in Bjerringbro to look at Sponge Cities and solutions to handle surface water and heavy rain and flooding.

3. Focus on Climate adaption and soil contamination – visit to contaminated sites to explore innovative methods of remediation and cases of how to adapt to climate change. Visit both urban sites of simple contamination and a complex industrial site (Høfde 42) in the western part of Central Denmark Region. Learn about a big European program for Cities and Region in climate change adaption – relevance for the Chinese Sponge Cities.

4. Focus on the cooperation at different levels(city/region/state) within health, dementia, rehabilitation and elder care and become inspired by visits to DokkX (a showcase for care technology in Aarhus), VIA University College Campus Health and the rehabilitation center and elder care center in Viborg.

5. Focus on primary health care, hospitals and chronic diseases and mental health – Visit to Aarhus University Hospital, a local health center in Aarhus and a hospital in Vejle

6. Focus on agriculture to produce safe food of a high quality with environmental care. This track presents the core rationales and high-end AGRI-Tech solutions for achieving a sustainable production of safe and high quality food products. Visits Agro Food Park in Aarhus and a cow farm near Aarhus. Visit to an organic egg producer with Chinese partners and a bioenergy plant near Horsens.

7. Focus on food sustainable production of safe and high quality food products. Visit to Agro Food Park in Aarhus and Arla Nativa Global Innovation Center. Visit to organic food producer Aarstiderne and Danish Crown in Horsens – a world leading seller of pork products.