

Chairman's Statement on Mining Economy and Environmental Protection

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We, governmental officials, scholars, entrepreneurs, representatives from related international organizations and civil societies from the PECC community, who are concerned with mining industry and environmental protection, are gathered here in Taiyuan, China to attend the third PECC Minerals Network Meeting and decide to release this Statement. We solemnly promise to enhance regional contact, increase economic, scientific and technological exchanges, build a community for mining industry and environmental protection so as to promote sustained development.

Mining economy and environmental protection have become the two important issues in the current global strategy for sustained development. They are inter-dependent as well as contradictory. It is our common responsibility to push ahead the coordinated growth of mining economy and environmental protection, to promote harmony between humankind and nature so as to achieve economic prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

Achievements and Challenges

With the successful holding of the first and second PECC Mining Network Meetings, the member economies in the Asia-Pacific region have enhanced their cooperation and achieved results in handling projects relevant to mining, energy and environmental protection. Meanwhile, we are facing severe challenges in the waste of energy, low rate of mining extraction, mining insecurity and deterioration of environment, etc.

Mission and strategy

Currently, there is an imbalance in the Asia-Pacific region in the trend of development in mining and environmental protection. The gap between developing and developed countries is widening, and the people's living conditions in some areas are worsening. In these

circumstances, we are called upon to coordinate regional relations so as to promote common prosperity. We will try our best:

1. To attach importance to the role of science and technology.

Progress of science and technology plays a key role in economic development. It helps to establish an effective and rational economic system. This is particularly true in mining and environmental protection. It is necessary to utilize scientific and technological achievements in a rational way, promote the transfer of advanced technology from developed countries to developing countries, thereby accelerating the development of mining economy and improvement of people's living conditions in the Asia-Pacific region.

2. To utilize resources effectively and persevere in sustained development

In view of the excessive exploitation and serious waste in most non-recyclable resources, we should practice economy, observe scientific rules & optimize the disposal of resources and influence mining economy to change over from extensive management to intensive management .

We should promote a virtuous circle in the relationship between population, resources and environment , so as to provide a sound environment for sustainable economic development in the Asia-Pacific region.

3. To deepen cooperative partnership

We will promote personnel exchanges and enhance cooperation in mining, energy and environment protection among PECC member economies through the holding of periodic forums, symposium, expos and business talks, etc. We will use our network to increase multilateral contacts within and beyond the region, so as to enhance mutual understanding and increase opportunities of multilateral trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region.

It is our firm belief that this 3rd PECC Mineral Networks Meeting will add new vigor and contribute to the development of mining economy and environmental protection industry in the Asia-Pacific region.