



BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE OF THE AWARDEE OF THE LUI CHE WOO PRIZE – PRIZE FOR WORLD CIVILISATION 2017 SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE



Xie Zhenhua, born in November, 1949 in Tianjin, was graduated from the Department of Engineering Physics, Tsinghua University in 1977 and got the Master's Degree of Law from the Department of Environmental Laws, Wuhan University in 1991.

He worked in the field of environmental protection since 1982. From 1993, he successively held the posts of Administrator of National Environmental Protection Agency, Minister of the State Environmental Protection Administration, and Vice Chairman (Minister level) of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China. He assumed the post of Vice Chairman for the Committee of Environmental Protection of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) in March 2015 and Special Representative for Climate Change Affairs of China in April 2015.

For a long time, Mr. Xie Zhenhua has been responsible for environmental protection, resource conservation, energy conservation and emission reduction, and climate change, and has thus made great contributions to the green, low-carbon and sustainable development and ecological civilisation construction in China, as well as the global environment and climate governance.

He has been the head of Chinese delegation to UN Climate Conferences for 10 consecutive years since 2007 and thus facilitated series of successful outcomes in the multilateral climate change negotiations. Under Mr. Xie's relentless efforts, the Chinese negotiation team has conducted dialogues and cooperation with many Parties to the *UN Framework Convention on Climate Change* such as the US, EU, France, India, Brazil and South Africa, playing a prominent role for the adoption, signing and entry into force of the Paris Agreement.

He has also promoted concrete cooperation in the fields of energy conservation, emission reduction and green and low-carbon development between China and



other 30 plus countries, regions and international organisations, and facilitated the Chinese government to train more than 1,000 officials and technicians working in the field of tackling climate change for over 100 developing countries.

Mr. Xie Zhenhua received GEF Global Environment Leadership Award in 2002, UNEP Sasakawa Environment Prize (the highest prize on environment protection in the UN system) and World Bank Green Award in 2003, Alliance to Save Energy - Energy Efficiency Visionary Award in 2009, and WWF “Leaders for a Living Planet” in 2015.

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