

The Joint Press Communiqué among International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS), China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF) and China Chemical Control Association (CCCA)

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At the invitation by the CPCIF, the leading umbrella organization within the industry in China, the delegation of five members of ICCSS from Warsaw, Poland, paid a visit to Beijing on 13 July for the International Seminar on Chemical Safety and Security, hosted by the Embassy of Poland in Beijing. At the end of the visit, ICCSS, CPCIF and CCCA issued a press communiqué as follows.

The international seminar focused on the theme of reducing chemical threats and enhancing chemical safety and security and strengthening the national security and deepening local, national, regional and global economic, trade and development cooperation. Ambassador H.E. Tadeusz Chomicki opened the seminar by stressing the EU and Poland's practice in enhancing international security in the areas of CBRN. Ten keynote statements followed, of which topics ranged from ICCSS's initiatives and existing programs, China's policies to promote chemical safety and security, international efforts and new opportunities for the development of Polish-Chinese cooperation in enhancing chemical safety and security.

The three sides stand ready to strengthen dialogue and coordination and jointly respond to international chemical safety and security challenges. The CPCIF and the CCCA showed great interest in the Global Summit on Chemical Safety and Security and accompanying Fair (chemss2016.org), which will be held on 18-20 April 2016 in Kielce, Poland, and join the Summit and the Fair as partners. The Chinese partners also indicated their interest in ICCSS's program proposal to China on promoting local awareness and responsibility in chemical safety and security- enabling local governments and actors to meet safety and security challenges. This unique program contains various training courses and networking opportunities which could enhance chemical safety and security at a local level in China and initiate concrete cooperation between the ICCSS and China.

The ICCSS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CPCIF and the CCCA at the end of the seminar. The agreement includes supports in upgrading chemical safety and security policies and in providing assistance in the development of training programs, voluntary initiatives and other expertise and advise in the field. Acting in this spirit, the three sides expressed their satisfaction with its results and decided to remain high-level contact and strategic dialogue to enhance Polish-Chinese bilateral cooperation in the field of chemical safety and security. The ICCSS, CPCIF and CCCA appreciated the warm reception extended from the Embassy of Poland in Beijing.