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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General's Office and has the honor to inform that the Special Conference of International Conference of Asian Political Parties(ICAPP) will be held in Xi'an of Shannxi Province, China on May 30-31, 2013. The main theme of this Conference is **Promote Green Development and Build a Beautiful Asia Together** while its sub themes are set as Asian Countries' Practice for Green Development and Asian Political Parties Working Hand in Hand against the Challenges of Green Development.

To pursue green and sustainable development is a global trend today, and it is also the common aspiration of Asian countries. Over the years, Asian countries have been addressing the serious impact of the global financial crisis and exploring a way of green and sustainable development with Asian features in line with their own national conditions. Against such a backdrop, the Conference is aimed at providing a platform for Asian political parties to learn from each other in this regard, so as to contribute to building a green and beautiful Asia. Attached please find a Brief Introduction of the 2013 ICAPP Special Conference.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China highly commends the leading role played by the United Nations and the Secretary-General in promoting green and sustainable development and appreciates a strong voice of support from the Secretary-General to the said Conference. In this regard, a video message by the Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon to the Conference will be greatly appreciated.

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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A Brief Introduction to the 2013 ICAPP Special Conference

1, Background on the ICAPP

The International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) was launched in Manila in September 2000 to promote exchanges and cooperation between political parties from different Asian countries and with various ideologies; to enhance mutual understanding and trust among Asian countries; to promote Asia's regional cooperation through the unique role and channel of political parties. Since its inception, the ICAPP has grown steadily in both membership and influence. Now more than 300 political parties in 52 countries in the region with diverse political and ideological backgrounds are eligible to participate in ICAPP activities.

Seven General Assemblies of the ICAPP, which have been successfully held in Manila in 2000, Bangkok in 2002, Beijing in 2004, Seoul in 2006, Astana in 2009, Phnom Penh in 2010 and Baku in 2012, brought together political leaders in the region to exchange opinions and communicate with each other, and helped strengthen unity among Asian countries and propel Asia along the road toward stability and prosperity.

Special conferences have also been convened for the ICAPP members on key challenges we are facing in the region. The Communist Party of China hosted two ICAPP Special Conferences with the theme on *Poverty Alleviation and Development and People's Access* in 2010 and 2011 respectively. H. E. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations, sent video messages of congratulation to the two conferences.

2, Background on 2013 ICAPP Special Conference

To pursue green and sustainable development is a world trend today, and it is also the common aspiration of people of Asian countries. Over the years, countries in Asia have been addressing the serious impact of the global financial crisis and exploring a way of green and sustainable development with Asian features in line with their own national conditions. Such endeavors have become an important driving force for the recovery of world economy and have contributed to the world's pursuit of green and sustainable development.

Looking ahead, there are both opportunities and challenges for Asia to realize green and sustainable development. Currently, the recovery of the world economy is still in a slow and demanding process. The global financial crisis incurred serious impact on the old economic development mode, leading to great adjustments and changes of global growth pattern, supply-demand

relationship and governance structure. Countries in Asia share the task of changing development mode, grasping the law of development, adopting new concepts of development, solving problems and raising quality and efficiency of development.

Against such a backdrop, the Communist Party of China (CPC) plans to host an ICAPP special conference, with Promote Green Development and Build a Beautiful Asia Together as the main theme, and Asian Countries' Practice for Green Development and Asian Political Parties Working Hand in Hand against the Challenges of Green Development as the sub themes. It is aimed at providing a platform for Asian political parties to learn from each other's visions and practices of promoting green development, to contribute to building a green and beautiful Asia.

The conference will be held in Xi'an of Shaanxi Province, China on May 30-31, 2013. Xi'an, the capital city of Shaanxi province, is one of the most important cities in northwest China. During its more than 3,100-year development, Xi'an was the capitals for 13 dynasties. So far, Xi'an enjoys equal fame with Athens, Cairo, and Rome as one of the four major ancient civilization capitals. Xi'an is also a vigorous modern city. In recent years, Xi'an is exploring a way of green and sustainable development by integrating environmental protection and cultural preservation into development endeavors. The pre-conference field trips on May 29 will help the participants further understand the local practice.