



# **The 5<sup>th</sup> International Yellow River Forum (IYRF)**

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The 5<sup>th</sup> International Yellow River Forum (IYRF) on ensuring water right of the river's demand and healthy river basin maintenance will take place on October 16~19, 2012 in China. We are very pleased to present this invitation for you.

The IYRF Organizing Committee will hold the forum jointly with well-known institutions and organizations in worldwide water field, such as the Global Water Partnership, International Commission on Large Dams, World Wide Fund for Nature etc. And seminars will be organised on climate change, severe water resource crisis, water shortage and efficiency management. The forum will focus on hot spots of water issues about the integrated water resources and river basin management. Facing the deteriorating ecological and living environment, taking into account demands of both rivers and human beings, to ensure water right of the river's demand is to protect the ecosystem and sustainable development of rivers and provide positive support for living and development of human beings.

During the forum, there will be a large-scale exhibition of product and achievement in the water and related fields, which consists of achievements in water resources management, water equipment, and high-tech water exhibition etc.

Welcome to join us and bring together all your experiences and thoughts on river management!

## 1. Central theme

Ensuring water right of the river's demand and healthy river basin maintenance

## 2. Main Topics

- Advanced river basin and water resources management with social and economic development
- Ensuring water right of the river's demand with strategy and measures of keeping healthy river
- Strict and efficient management of water resources in the river basin
- Adaptation and measures of water resources management in river basins due to global climate change
- Ecological protection and sustainable water utilization in river basins
- Structural and non-structural measures with new technology to ensure water right of the river's demand
- Water security, water transfer and advanced water saving technology and monitoring equipment
- Culture and civilization development in river harnessment history
- Sediment management of high silt-laden rivers and reservoirs
- Application of experiences and new technologies of water resources management



Middle reaches of the Yellow River

### 3. Important Events

- **Exhibition of advanced water technology and products**

We will provide exhibition area for the participants during the forum. We sincerely welcome all companies, organizations and individuals exhibit products and pictures.

During the exhibition, the Forum Organizing Committee will provide site and equipment for your convenience. If you would like to join in, please fill in the Form 3 (as attached) and return it to the Forum Secretariat via mail, fax or email no later than February 15, 2012. Please contact the Forum Secretariat directly if having any questions.

The exhibition consists of different issues such as water and river basin management, ecological environment, drinking water treatment, water saving irrigation, equipment and product of water saving, water and hydropower technology, construction machinery, water informatization construction etc.

- **Special session**

During the forum, special sessions will be held such as high-level bilateral dialogue, start-up of international cooperation project, river culture and human civilization session, advanced technology transfer etc.

- **Technical Visit**

One-day technical visit will be arranged to visit the Xiaolangdi Reservoir, Huayuankou Embankments, the Yellow River Museum, Laboratories for Yellow River modeling etc.

- **Other activity**

During the forum, some programmes or functions will be arranged.



Lower reaches of the Yellow River

### 4. Working Language

English & Chinese

### 5. Call for Paper

Paper proceedings of the past four IYRFs have been included into the search text of CPCI-S. High-level papers are called for in this forum. After reviewing of the Forum Technical Committee, accepted papers will be collected in the Forum Proceedings and be published.

- **Abstract**

Abstract should be 200 minimum and 400 maximum in words. Please also include names, addresses, phone & fax numbers, and e-mail addresses of all authors (if available). One of the authors should be designated as the contact person. The biography of each author is demanded either as background information. Both abstract and biography should be submitted in electronic versions in WORD format (attached forms 1-2).

- **Paper**

Format and guidelines used in preparation for paper peer review will be provided upon acceptance of abstracts. Final paper will have to be submitted as electronic form.

- **Publication**

All papers accepted for presentation at the Forum will be published.

### 6. Important Deadlines

- Submission of abstract November 15, 2011
- Notification of acceptance of abstract December 15, 2011
- Submission of manuscript for review January 31, 2012
- Notification of paper acceptance March 31, 2012
- Submission of final paper April 30, 2012

## 7. Forum Activities

IYRF consists of a plenary meeting and several concurrent sessions, which will last 4 days totally including one-day technical tour. During the forum, pre-forum sessions, side sessions and special sessions will be arranged according to the schedule.

## 8. Notice

- Organizations and individuals, who would like to join in the forum or exhibition, could contact the Forum Secretariat via telephone, fax, and email etc.
- Authors who submit final paper for publication imply a firm commitment to present their papers at the forum.
- All accepted speakers are expected to register for and pay the registration fee, and attend the forum on time.

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Wandering Yellow River

## Yellow River Conservancy Commission (YRCC), the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize Winner of Singapore Water Week 2010

Yellow River Conservancy Commission (YRCC) is an agency of the Ministry of Water Resources of China, which is in charge of the integrated water management in the Yellow River Basin. It is headquartered in Zhengzhou, Henan Province. Yellow River Conservancy Commission contributes to the integrated water resources management in the Yellow River Basin, studies and solves major issues of the Yellow River, pushes forward the new philosophies of river management and realizes the sustainable development.

By 2010, Yellow River Conservancy Commission won the "Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize" in the Singapore International Water Week. It was assessed as follows:

“YRCC’s innovation policies and solutions have brought about widespread and sustainable social, economic and environmental benefits. Under YRCC’s integrated water allocation programme, the Yellow River has flowed unabated over the last 10 years. The technology innovations and holistic policies of Yellow River Conservancy Commission has rejuvenated the Yellow River, and revived its aquatic ecosystem from severe deterioration. With its emphasis on nurturing life, YRCC’s river basin management strategies – based on a philosophy of “Maintaining the healthy life of the Yellow River” – are not only effective but also sustainable.”



## International Yellow River Forum and Yellow River Conservancy Commission

International Yellow River Forum was initiated in 2003 and held once every two years by Yellow River Conservancy Commission. Until now, four International Yellow River Forums have been held successfully, and have attracted attention of governmental agencies, international organizations and institutions etc. It devotes to set up a platform based on the Yellow River to focus on the global hot spots of water issues, promote communication between countries and regions, and study on jointly common problems the Yellow River and global river basin management are facing. International Yellow River Forum covers broad topics including modern river basin management, healthy life of the river, sustainable water resources utilization, and river ethics etc. The worldwide water officers, experts and scholars gathered in the forum, exchanged advanced experiences and ideas, enhanced the international communication and cooperation.



The 1<sup>st</sup> IYRF on river basin management was held on 21-24 October, 2003 in Zhengzhou.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> IYRF was held on 18-21 October, 2005 in Zhengzhou with the main theme "Keeping healthy life of the river".



The 4<sup>th</sup> IYRF was held on 20-23 October, 2009 in Zhengzhou with the main theme "Ecological civilization and river ethics".



The 3<sup>rd</sup> IYRF was held on 16-19 October, 2007 in the Yellow River estuary city Dongying. The central topic was "Sustainable water resources management and delta ecosystem maintenance".



## International Yellow River Forum - the Platform in Water Related Sector of Cooperation Issues

### China Yellow River Foundation

In October 2009, China Yellow River Foundation was formally established in the 4<sup>th</sup> International Yellow River Forum. The Foundation will carry out regular activities to protect the Yellow River, to promote the sustainable development, to broadcast splendid Chinese culture and brilliant Yellow River civilization, and to expand the national spirit.



### Global Water Partnership (China·Yellow River)

In October 2005, Global Water Partnership (China • Yellow River) was established in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Yellow River Forum. As the first river basin partnership, Global Water Partnership (China • Yellow River) provides a platform of common participation and consultation for all stakeholders. It is significant for the scientific and democratic decision-making on the Yellow River issues.



### Cooperation Project and the MOU Signing

Large number of international cooperation projects started up and cooperation memorandums were signed during International Yellow River Forums. It further promotes cooperation and exchanges between the Yellow River and the international river basins and organizations, by which they jointly cope with problems and crisis in river basin management.





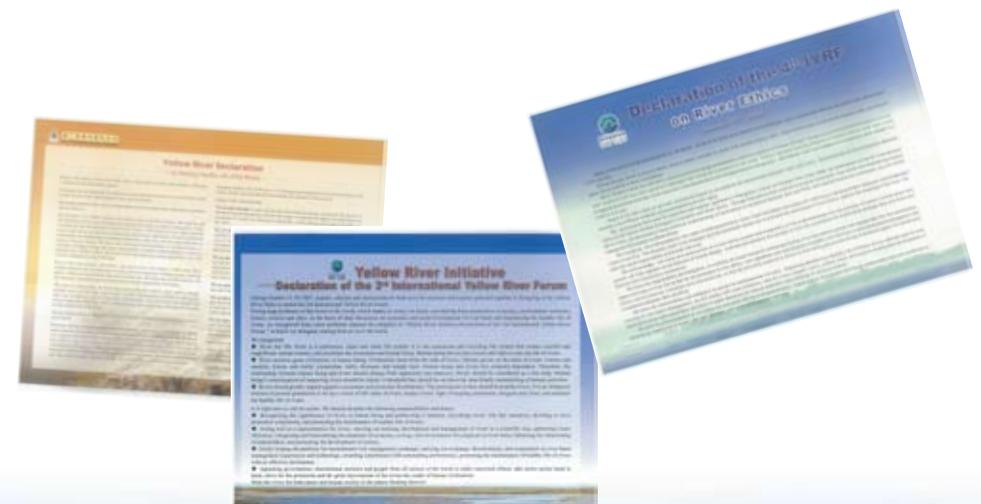
### Worldwide River Basins Manager Gathering

Heads of the management agencies from worldwide river basins met together in International Yellow River Forum, and discussed water resource management in river basins.



### Declarations of International Yellow River Forum

Series of declarations such as "Yellow River Declaration on Keeping Healthy Life of the Rivers" in 2005, "Yellow River Initiative—Declaration of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Yellow River Forum" in 2007, "Declaration of the 4<sup>th</sup> IYRF on River Ethics" in 2009 were issued focusing on river basin and water resources management of the Yellow River and other river basins.



## Come to International Yellow River Forum and Listen to Water Voice of the World

As a global platform for water and river basin management, International Yellow River Forum (IYRF) has attracted thousands of delegates from almost 90 nations and areas since 2003. Participants consisted of water managers, experts, scholars coming from governments, river basin organizations, research institutions etc. They brought experiences and technologies, advanced water management philosophies together, which promoted understanding and exchange between different nations and river basins.

Participants spoke highly of the IYRF and achievements in the Yellow River management and talked about their personal understanding of water and river basins management as well.

The Crown Prince Alexander of the Netherlands remarked that as a special and complex river, it was amazing that no drying-up occurred in the Yellow River with the construction of large-scale silt detention projects.

Bert Keijts, former Directorate General for Public Works and Water Management of Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management of the Netherlands praised International Yellow River Forum was a good platform for exchange and dialogue. He thought in the Yellow River management, successful achievements and experiences would be valuable for other river basins.



the Crown Prince Alexander of the Netherlands



Bert Keijts

Michael Taylor, former Chief Executive of Murray-Darling Basin Authority, Australia, compared the Murray-Darling Basin with the Yellow River basin and agreed to the philosophy of keeping healthy life of the Yellow River. He thought it was positive to build a platform in the forum to promote communication and exchange.

Andras Szollos-Nagy, Rector of UNESCO-IHE, spoke highly of efforts of YRCC on the river basin management and the great progress in river management philosophies. From his view of point, from keeping healthy life of the river to river ethics, the Yellow River management has developed from the technology issues to a new stage. As well, the Yellow River mode is a successful sample for other river basin management.



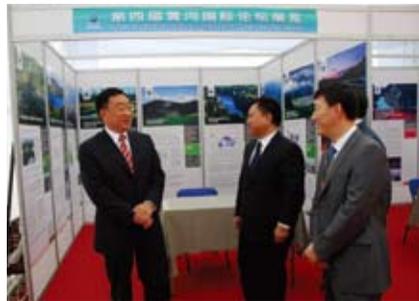
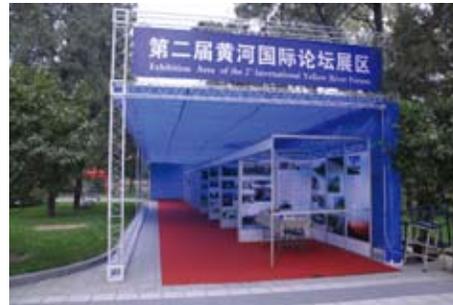
Michael Taylor



Andras Szollos-Nagy

## Exhibition and Exchange Platform for Equipments and Science & Technology in Related Water Field

Equipments and science&technology exhibition in related water field is one of important parts in International Yellow River Forum, which provides an exchange platform. Domestic and overseas organizations, institutions and enterprises participated actively and fully exhibited the world's advanced water technology, achievements and products, while promoted mutual understanding and communication. Through the exhibition, close contact between institutions and enterprises has been built up, and achievements and products have been publicized and applied.



Form-1

<b>Contact Details</b>			
Title (Prof / Dr. etc)			
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<b>Biography</b>			

Form-2

<b>Abstract Submission Details</b>	
Professional background	Academic <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Select most relevant theme for your paper (this can be changed at a later date if unsure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Advanced river basin and water resources management with social and economic development <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Ensuring water right of the river's demand with strategy and measures of keeping healthy river <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Strict and efficient management of water resources in the river basin <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Adaptation and measures of water resources management in river basins due to global climate change <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Ecological protection and sustainable water utilization in river basins <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Structural and non-structural measures with new technology to ensure water right of the river's demand <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Water security, water transfer and advanced water saving technology and monitoring equipment <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Culture and civilization development in river harnessment history <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Sediment management of high silt-laden rivers and reservoirs <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>* Application of experiences and new technologies of water resources management <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>Abstract (200-400 words)</b>	
Title	

Form-3

**Exhibition Form**

<b>1. The name of your company</b>
<b>2. General introduction to your company</b>
<b>3. Main exhibited content and quantity of your company</b>
<b>4. Contact Information</b>
Contact Person:
Mail address:
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E-mail:
Please fill in the form and send it to the IYRF secretariat by email, mail or fax no later than Feb. 15, 2012. With any question, please contact us.