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SINO-ECO PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

“服务海内外华人生态学者，共建一个更有效的促进学术交流，增强友谊的平台”

By Xiaohua (Adam) Wei (魏晓华)

Sino-Eco is a small professional organization with members mainly from overseas elite Chinese ecologists. As a relatively long-term (10 years) and an executive committee (6 years) member, I have witnessed growth and strength of the organization, and the benefit and service it has been providing to all members, particularly young scientists. Although it is a small organization, it serves an important role as a key professional linkage between ecologists in China and those overseas. This role has grown rapidly since the ‘Three Wu’ era when the ‘Club’ was established in the late 1980s, and this role will become more prominent as the academic exchanges between China and the rest of the world intensify in the years to come.

I have the desire and passion to contribute the continuing healthy growth of this organization by devoting time and energy during my presidency. In particular, my team will focus on the following areas:

1. Organize a web-based survey to collect suggestions, opinions and ideas as to how the organization should grow better and what the priorities should be in the coming years. With recruitment of many new members particularly young scientists, it is time to listen to their suggestions. The results from this survey will be used to adjust and enhance effective organization of planned activities following consultation with the advisory board.
2. Continue to promote interactions among Chinese ecologists overseas and China by sponsoring international conferences, workshops and academic exchange activities. Sino-Eco has successfully organized two international ecologist forums (the first one in Lanzou University, 2009 and the second in Nanjing University, 2011) thorough partnership with the International Symposium on Modern Ecology (ISOME) committee. My team will continue this valuable activity in 2013 in Guangzhou and forwards. As usual, we will organize the annual get together party at the Annual ESA meeting. In addition, potential opportunities such as organized

field trips or delegations or workshops on hot spots or hot topics in China will be explored. I have talked to several organizations in China about those potential opportunities. Although they are not finalized, but feedbacks are quite positive.



3. Increase our web capacity to include information about jobs, post-doc positions, and graduate study opportunities. It is expected that this will likely enhance more communications among our members, and further promote Sino-Eco to outside audiences. The Newsletter has been an excellent vehicle to get words out. We should continue to update the web site and email list to inform important news in ecology overseas and in China.

4. Offer more benefits to individual Sino-Eco members in their studies, research, and career growth. This can be achieved through organizing special issues of journal publication, Book publications, and popular series articles in newspapers. Facilitate established Sino-Eco members to provide opportunities for young scientists involving in synthesis studies, reviewing papers, and even participating research projects.

In summary, I have admired all the previous teams of Sino-Eco leadership. It was a great honor to be nominated for this campaign and it is indeed my responsibility to serve this wonderful organization. With my diverse research and management experience, as well as my passion and excellent connections with China, I am confident that our team will successfully serve this community.

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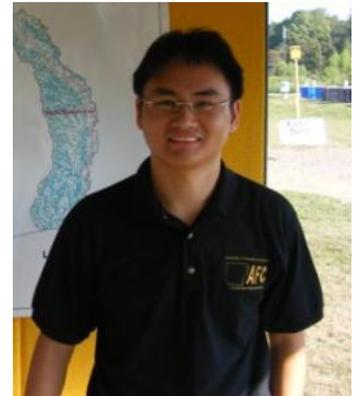
I have recently decided to run for the 2012-2014 term of the Sino-Eco President. From the epoch of the “Triple Wu” and the first executive team to the current 291 email-based group members and the 2010-2012 executive team, from the 1988 gathering at Davis, CA to the 2011 gathering at Austin, TX, and from the International Symposium on Modern Ecology Series and International Young Ecologist Forum to Advanced Ecology Course Series at Fudan University and other activities, Sino-Eco has offered many opportunities to promote ecology communications, to seek international collaborations, to train young professionals, and to enhance personal friendships overseas and between overseas and China.

If I am elected, I will continue promoting Sino-Eco as its mission stated: “To promote the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and scientific development in Ecology and related sciences among Chinese ecologists overseas as well as between ecologists overseas and those in China.”

Specifically, I will pursue the following:

1. Continue to promote scientific communications among overseas Chinese ecologists and with ecologists in China by sponsoring international and regional conferences, workshops, symposiums, and related activities.
2. Continue to recruit new members through the Sino-Eco annual gatherings by following the past two years’ experience. In the past two years, we had two of the largest numbers of attendance of annual gatherings.
3. Continue to encourage senior members’ involvement into Sino-Eco recent activities for training early career ecologists and advising students.
4. Continue to encourage involvement of aquatic ecologists into Sino-Eco activities and promote communications among overseas Chinese aquatic

communications among overseas Chinese aquatic ecologists and with aquatic ecologists in China. Compared to terrestrial ecology, aquatic ecology is less developed in China. It would be a great opportunity to improve the impact of Sino-Eco by



bridging Chinese aquatic ecologists as water and aquatic ecosystems problems are becoming more and more severe in China.

With your support and trust, we can make the Sino-Eco more wonderful together.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF SINO-ECO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULT

Dear Sino-Eco members and friends,

Thanks for all eligible members' vote for the Sino-Eco president for the term 2012-2014, and thanks for two candidates, Xiaohua Wei and Yushun Chen, who are enthusiastically willing to serve the Sino-Eco.

Now the vote result has been carefully counted by three Election Committee members and all voters are checked for eligibility. The result is:

Xiaohua Wei: 47 votes
Yushun Chen: 10 votes.

Hereby we announce that Xiaohua Wei be the next Sino-Eco president effective July 1, 2012. Congratulations!

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments on this election.

Jianwu Tang, Jiquan Chen, and Chi Yuan



FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dear Sino-Eco members and friends,

Two years ago, I felt so honored to be president of Sino-Eco. Two years passed, now I am still proud because I saw Sino-Eco is growing stronger and more influential. It is time for me to pass this torch to the next president and executive committee. I believe under the new leadership, Sino-Eco will grow even stronger.



In the past two years, Sino-Eco organized and sponsored many activities and programs, continuously promoting academic exchange between Chinese ecologists and overseas. We organized the second and third Young Ecologist Forums that focus on training young ecologists to be the world leaders of ecologists in the future. We published ecological books including the recent effort to publish “Ecology Wisdom” for promoting public awareness of ecology and environmental science. Our members hosted numerous seminars and received many honors from China and international societies. We continuously recruit new and young members. Our financial situation is secure and sustainable.

Without the hard work of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, we will not be able to achieve the past success. Here, I'd like to thank again for many hours of volunteer work by all Committee members and other Sino-Eco members.

The past success is also accompanied by challenges. Many young students are not yet attracted by Sino-Eco and the growing number of young members is slow. Under the current environment that many Chinese Ph.D. students intend to return to China once they get their Ph.D. or finish the postdoc work, how to attract young ecologists to be involved and engaged in Sino-Eco is a great challenge for the future success of Sino-Eco.

In a few days in our traditional ESA gathering, we will formally announce the Sino-Eco new president, Dr. Xiaohua Wei and the new governing team. Here, I'd give my warm-hearted best wish for the success of this term in the next two years.

As with all of you, I would continue to contribute my time and effort to Sino-Eco in the future.

Sino-Eco president 2010-2012

Jianwu Tang

LETTER FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Dear Sino-Eco members and friends,

It is a great honor to be the Sino-Eco president for 2012-2014. It is also a great pressure on me for achieving a stronger organization. With the solid foundation built cumulatively from previous presidents and executive committees, and dedication of our newly established executive committee, I am confident that we will fulfill our goal.



In the coming two years, we will focus on the following key tasks. First, we will revitalize our Sino-Eco web to ensure that it will become a more informative and more interactive vehicle. Several practical tasks such as developing a one-stop shop on ecology-related jobs and graduate or post-doc research opportunities, building a tool for interactive discussion on various ecological questions and topics will be considered. Second, we will continue to partner with other organizations to organize the Young Ecologist Forums and other meetings or workshops, which have been successful platforms for promoting academic exchanges and communications between China and overseas. Third, we plan to establish useful mechanisms (e.g., awarding excellent papers from our members every year) to further promote our activities. In addition, we will strive for higher efficiency in our membership administration through online payment and continuous updating of membership status.

I welcome any suggestions as to how we make our organization healthier and stronger. I look forward to working with you.

Sino-Eco president 2012-2014

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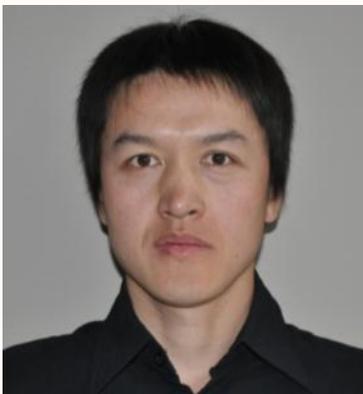
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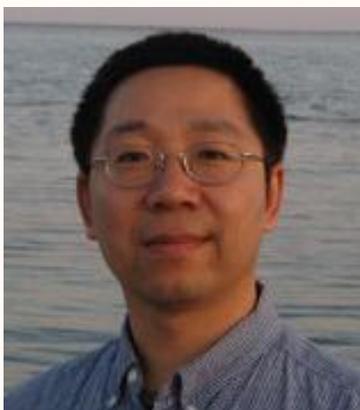
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