

Application to join GGKP Knowledge Partnership

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Established in June 2001, School of Economics and Resource Management (SERM) is a postgraduate institute of Beijing Normal University (BNU) focusing on scientific research and talent training, with a faculty and staff team of more than 20. The school is committed to research on domestic and international economic development, resource management and other related fields, with the research characteristics of centering on economics and taking sustainable development and green development as research priorities.

Since 2010, led by Professor Li Xiaoxi, the well-known Chinese economist, Deputy Chair of the Beijing Normal University Academic Committee and founding director of the SERM, the school has published *China Green Development Index Report* series for the past three consecutive years jointly with the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics and China Economic Monitoring & Analysis Center, National Bureau of Statistics of China, which have had a broad influence at home and abroad. The 2011 report was launched in the People's Congress Hall and covered in-depth by CCTV Daily News Program. In addition to over a hundred of domestic Medias, Reuters among many other foreign Medias also gave coverage of the published report. The English version of the 2011 report was published by Springer. The 2012 report is on the process of translation and will also be published by Springer soon. The 2013 Chinese report is expected to be released within this year. Due to the pioneering research on green development, Professor Li Xiaoxi was invited to be one of the members of the 5th committee of China Council for International Cooperation for Environment and Development (CCICED).

The SERM has good conditions for scientific research. With a reasonably structured research team consisted of doctors and masters from various academic background, and a number of adjunct professors as well as guest professors who are well-known domestic or overseas scholars, our school has successfully educated over 100 doctoral graduates and more than 150 master graduates. The school has a number of sub-institutes including Green Economy Institute, China Research Center for Energy and Strategic Resources, China Research Center for Market Economy, Macroeconomic Analysis Institute, and etc.

Through the past 12 years since its founding, the SERM researchers have undertaken and completed several major research projects commissioned by international organizations and government agencies including the World Bank, the National Social Science Foundation of China, the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Ministry of Education, and etc, covering

multiple topics such as green development, science and technology innovation, resources and environment, macroeconomic situation, industrial development. A number of the research outputs have been published and some of them have won various economics awards, including the eleventh *Sun Yefang Economics Prize*, the thirteenth *China Book Award*, the second *China Soft Science Award*, the first prize of the sixth *Wu Yuzhang Humanities and Social Sciences Award*, the first prize of the eighth *Beijing Philosophy and Social Science Research Excellence Award*.

The school has established extensive academic exchanges and cooperation with a range of well-known overseas universities and organizations including Harvard University, the University of London, the University of Hamburg, etc. In 2012, Professor Li Xiaoxi was invited to attend the GGKP conference on green growth/green economy indicators in Geneva, introducing the measurement ideas and methods of China Green Development Index. The SERM jointly set up the Green Development Initiative for Asia and the Pacific (GDI.AP) with AIT-UNEP Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP) based in Bangkok.

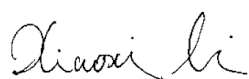
The GGKP is an innovative, dynamic global network of researchers, development practitioners, and policy makers with the common objective of identifying and encouraging research on major knowledge gaps in green growth theory and practice and emphasizing close collaboration and communication among these groups, which are highly in accord with our school philosophy. We hope to exchange information with other partners on research outputs and other matters of mutual interest via GGKP, a good platform, to promote our own studies and contribute to the global research on green growth, in the form of GGKP annual conference, technical workshops and other diversified channels.

We expect the opportunity to become one of the Knowledge Partners of GGKP, along with other partners of proven integrity and good reputation and active in areas related to green growth/green economy at the local, national, regional, and/or international level, to make periodic exchanges about the respective work programs of each other in the green growth space and contribute to the GGKP's growing body of research and knowledge through multiple channels. We'd like to present the English version of the 2011 *China Green Development Index Report* to the GGKP network, as well as the forthcoming English version of 2012 report. This year we have completed the preliminary *World Green Development Index* report. After the final report is released, we're also willing to share with other GGKP partners.

We look forward to the positive response from the GGKP.

Best Regards

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xiaoxi li', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Prof. Li Xiaoxi