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## China: Chinese delegation visits Denmark to study energy efficient building

**February 25-27 a delegation from the Chinese MoHURD (Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development) visits Denmark to find inspiration in the Danish approach to district heating and energy efficient building.**

A delegation consisting of public and private actors led by MoHURD is at present at a study trip to Denmark. They are here to see energy efficient building and the Danish model for operating district heating systems. In connection with the visit the delegation will among others meet Head of Department in the Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Building, Morten Bæk and Deputy Director General from the Danish Energy Agency, Dorte Nøhr Andersen, as a part of the Sino-Danish government agreement.

In June 2012 the Danish Minister for Climate, Energy and Building Martin Lidegaard signed a memorandum of understanding with MoHURD focusing on knowledge transfer, exchange of experiences and strengthening the Sino-Danish cooperation on low energy building, promoting of energy efficient and sustainable building and energy efficient building materials in China. The memorandum involves joint Sino-Danish cooperation projects on renewable energy and paves the way for the use of Danish energy solutions in China.

Delegationen vil også gæste Københavns Rådhus, hvor de vil blive introduceret til The delegation will also visit Copenhagen City Hall where they will be introduced to the Copenhagen strategy on climate friendly urban development including [the development of Nordhavn](#) and other projects. During the visit the delegation will also attend a seminar on sustainable urban development arranged by the Danish embassy in Beijing and the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the seminar the Danish Energy Agency's expert Anders Højgaard Kristensen will make a presentation of the Danish experiences with combined heat and power as a tool to integrate large amounts of renewable energy into the energy system.

Furthermore the delegation visits a number of Danish companies including COWI, Spx and Copenhagen Energy and visits [the Green Lighthouse](#) which is Denmark's first public carbon-neutral building built in close cooperation between the University of Copenhagen, VELUX, VELFAC, the Danish Building and Property Agency (UBST) and the City of Copenhagen.

The MoHURD visit to Denmark is a part of a range of technical visits under the "[Heat Reform and Building Energy Efficiency Project for China](#)" supported by the World Bank. The project, which has been running since 2005, focuses on improving the standard for energy efficiency in Chinese buildings and reforms the Chinese heating system, among others by focusing on effective operation of the heat supply system, implementation meters and methods for price determination for heat – fields in which Denmark has major experiences.

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The Danish Energy Agency was established in 1976, and is an agency under the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities.

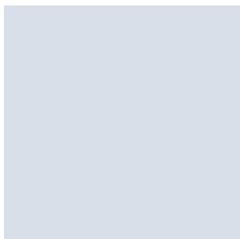
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