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Governance in the Danish energy sector a source of inspiration

Deputy Administrator, Vice Minister Dai Xiaoshu from China's National Energy Administration and a large delegation visited on 11 March 2015 the Danish Energy Agency to study public governance in the Danish energy administration.

In cooperation with the Danish Embassy in Beijing, the Danish Energy Agency (DEA) organised a comprehensive programme for the high-ranking official and his delegation during their visit to Copenhagen 9-12 March 2015. The purpose of the visit was for the Vice Minister and his delegations to gain insight into the Danish governance and regulatory procedures.

During his 3-day programme, Vice Minister Dai Xiaoshu visited DEA and was introduced to the Danish energy model, development targets, organisation of public institutions, offshore wind concessions, research areas and demonstration activities.

As part of their visit the delegation attended the European Wind Energy Association Offshore 2015 Conference in Copenhagen, which is the largest offshore wind conference and exhibition in the world and attracts numerous offshore wind specialists to the Danish capital.

Vice Minister Dai Xiaoshu had a bilateral meeting with the Danish Minister for Climate, Energy and Building Mr. Rasmus Helveg Petersen about structural and governance reforms. The Vice Minister also had a meeting with the Danish public-private partnership State of Green that promotes Danish green-tech solutions and fosters relations with international stakeholders interested in learning from the Danish experience.

The Vice Minister and his delegation in addition visited the Danish Energy Regulatory Authority to learn more about how Danish authorities' efforts to exercise fair, sound and transparent energy regulation and how to define the government's power boundary in the management of the monopoly area.

The programme included visits to the Parliamentary Ombudsman, the Ministry of Finance, the Confederation of Danish Energy Industry as well as a meeting with Susanne Hyldelund from the Danish Trade Council.

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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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