



Invitation to the Opening Ceremony
New Jindai Township Elementary School
Liangping County, Chongqing Municipality
Friday, April 29, 2011 - 10:00 AM



You are cordially invited to attend the opening of the New Jindai Elementary School in Liangping County, Chongqing Municipality on Friday, April 29, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

This prototype safely and sustainably designed school replaces one heavily damaged in the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake. Based on the success of the school, Phase II of the program will integrate the sharing of sustainable design principles with other schools in China and the sharing of best practices in sustainable schools' operation and curriculum among schools in China and the US. The generous sponsors and the school design and construction team are noted below.

Please contact Ms. ZUO Lin at lzu@chinauscenter.org or 1-503-279-9383 to confirm your attendance and for information regarding the agenda and hotel accommodations.

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THE NEW JINDAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL A PROTOTYPE FOR SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS IN CHINA

The Story

On May 12, 2008 thousands of schools collapsed in the catastrophic central China earthquake.

Phase I of the Project

In response, the China – U.S. Center assembled a team of architects, engineers, energy experts and developers who dedicated their passion and talents to design and construct a prototype safe and sustainable school. The first prototype school, with the support of the central government, will be used as a learning platform to influence the long term design, construction and operations of other schools.

In close cooperation with the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Jindai Township in Chongqing's rural Liangping County was selected as the community partner for the prototype school because of the extensive destruction of schools in the county and the Education Bureau's commitment to the principles of the school's design and long term operations.

With the financial commitments by Liangping County and confidence from the early China US donors - led by Walmart and the China Institute in America - construction started in June 2010. With completion funding from the Soong Ching Ling Foundation's Kobe Bryant China Fund, the school will open in Spring 2011. This will enable 540 children in Jindai Township to be secure and healthy in a safe and sustainable school that will be an environmental learning hub for other schools in China and around the world.

Phase II of the Project

Track 1— Scale up the design and construction of the prototype New Jindai School to penetrate and embed sustainable design principles into the design and construction of other schools.

Track 2—Transfer and promote sustainable schools' exchanges, operations and curriculum between China and the US.



Co-chairs Madame Deng Nan and
Dr. Gary Dirks in the Great Hall of the People

China US Center for Sustainable Development

The China US Center is a partnership between government, business and environmental experts in China, the US and internationally. The Center was formed on the occasion of Premier Zhu Rongji's 1999 dialogue with Vice President Gore to promote greater cooperation on environment and development.

Madame Deng Nan, daughter of Deng Xiao Ping, is the China Chair of the Board of Councilors. Dr. Gary Dirks, Director of Arizona State University's Center for Renewable Energy— LightWorks—and former President of BP China, is the US Chair.

Chinese ministries actively participate in the Center —the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Housing and Urban Rural Development, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Land and Resources.



The Program for the prototype school

- Demonstrate that safe and sustainable design and construction are practical in China
- Use the school building and grounds to educate students and the community in sustainability
- Use the prototype school, its digital designs and experience to guide the design, construction and operations of schools and other buildings across China.

Green technologies and practices

- Children first—the school is open to the community — a safe haven for the children and then the community during a natural disaster.
- Respect the site— the natural habitat, terrain and ties to the community.
- Wisely use energy and water—solar orientation, natural ventilation and lighting.
- Use healthy materials— child and eco friendly building materials and furniture, including recycled—nurturing indoor air quality.
- Grow and learn locally— the school grounds are a source of nutrition and eco education.
- Adopt Sustainability Management Plan—simple, clear manual for school operations, purchasing and maintenance—evolving and improving over time.
- Measure the benefits—understand and track the positive impact of the school on the lives of the children, community and environment.
- Share the story for the long term —connect with other children, schools, communities and designers to deepen the experience and broaden the impact of the pilot school— in turn, learning from others.



Student “teaches” Dr. Peng Sizhen of Ministry of Science and Technology how to properly break ground for the school



Classroom Building 1



Evaluating the Results



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Gary Dirks, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Dirks:

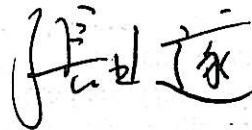
On behalf of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, I offer you my warmest wishes for the success of the China-US Center for Sustainable Development's US Board of Councilors meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. on December 2, 2010.

The Center is a vital collaboration between China and the United States to advance sustainable development in both countries through sharing sustainable technologies and best practices to our mutual benefit. I would like to particularly recognize the vigorous efforts by the Center in sponsoring the China-US Sustainable Land Use Training Program with the Ministry of Land and Resources of China, the recent launch of the Climate Project China training led by former Vice President Al Gore, and the design and construction of the safe and sustainable pilot earthquake recovery elementary school in rural central China.

China is committed to developing a circular economy and a resource-saving society. The Center is a true partner in our endeavors in bringing together an impressive team of business and governmental leaders and technical experts to tackle our mutual challenges and identify opportunities for positive change.

I would like to congratulate those who have joined the Center and are making such an important contribution. I encourage other business leaders to join with the Center in advancing our common interest for a sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Zhang Yesui
Ambassador