

**Report on Development and Environment Flagship Projects
of China Committee on Religion and Peace, CCRP (Draft)
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Dear Moderator and all colleagues of Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP),

Good afternoon!

CCRP is the chair of ACRP Development and Environment Committee. On behalf of CCRP, I am very honored to introduce the work performance of CCRP. In recent years, ACRP is committed to reforms, gives full play to the roles of various working committees, and vigorously makes progress in flagship projects. Therefore, ACRP enjoys more vitality and executing power. CCRP speaks highly of ACRP's efforts, and takes pragmatic actions to assist in the work of ACRP.

In May 2017, CCRP held Meeting of ACRP Executive Committee in Beijing, and organized Seminar on “Environmental Protection and Responsibilities of Religious Circles” under the auspices of ACRP Development and Environment Committee. In September 2018, CCRP invited ACRP leaders and representatives from member organizations of ACRP Development and Environment Committee to visit China, held Seminar on “Religious and Ecological Civilization Construction” in Beijing, and made field visits to wetland protection and water environmental governance and other projects in Zhejiang Province. This event offered a platform for members of ACRP Development and Environment Committee to share their experiences in environmental protection in various countries and discuss about the relations among

ecological civilization construction, economic development and social well-being under the framework of ACRP. In August 2019, the representative of CCRP made a statement on environmental protection issues at the Tenth World Assembly of Religions for Peace, and expounded on thought of ecological civilization from the perspective of the Oriental traditional culture, religious thought, realistic practice, etc.

The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic is not only a common challenge for human society, but also an alarm raised by the Nature to human society. The day before yesterday (October 12), CCRP just hosted an international video seminar themed with “fight against the pandemic”, which was attended by the representatives from some member organizations of ACRP Development and Environment Committee. The attendees debated over the responsibilities and roles of inter-religious cooperation in improvement of people's livelihood, development, environmental protection and other aspects in the post-pandemic era, and unanimously emphasized the importance and urgency of protecting the environment and building ecological civilization.

Chinese traditional culture advocates “harmony between man and nature”. That is to say, man and nature constitute a wholeness. To address the environmental crisis, we share weal and woe. As we are all engaged in religion, firstly, we should vigorously give play to the role of religion in enlightening the soul, and guide believers to strengthen the awareness of environmental protection and shoulder responsibilities for environmental protection. Secondly, we must take the lead in starting with small things around us, saving resources, say no to waste, and protect the environment. Thirdly, we must give full play to the role of inter-religious exchange and cooperation, and work together to build a clean and beautiful world.

In 2021, on behalf of ACRP Development and Environment Committee, CCRP will host the Fourth Session of the Ninth Assembly of ACRP with focus on environmental issues. Now specific plans of CCRP are in the pipeline. Members of executive committee are highly anticipated to provide support and actively participate in.

It is believed that with joint efforts of everyone, the Asian religious circles can make more contributions to the construction of ecological civilization in Asia and the whole world.

Thank you.