



Working Report of PKU-Science Po Climate Week

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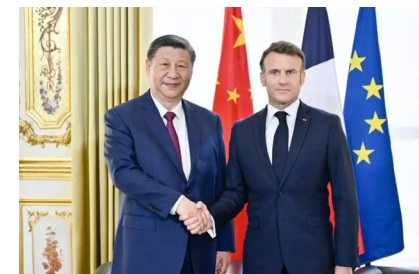
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Background

From October 21 to 25 2024, Peking University and Sciences Po successfully hosted the "PKU-Sciences Po Climate Week", as Special Events for the 60th Anniversary of China-France Diplomatic Relations. This event series aimed to leverage the academic strengths of both institutions to deepen mutual understanding, strengthen Sino-French cooperation, and contributing innovative mechanisms to global climate governance. It also explored new approaches for cultivating young talent committed to a carbon-neutral future.



中法作为两个有独立自主精神的大国，在历史长河的每一次相遇都能迸发出巨大能量，影响世界行进方向。

-- 习近平 2024 年 5 月

La Chine et la France, deux grandes puissances à l'esprit d'indépendance, peuvent, à chaque rencontre au cours del'histoire, faire éclater une grande énergieet influencer la direction vers laquelle le monde se dirige.

--Xi Jinping, May 2024

During the third state visit to France in 2023, President Xi Jinping emphasized that China and France share a "special friendship and a special relationship" , which is rooted in bilateral ties while oriented toward global challenges. He noted that "as two major countries with independent spirits, every encounter between China and France throughout history has sparked tremendous energy and shaped the course of global affairs."

During the Climate Week, a series of activities, including 1 opening ceremony, 4 thematic Symposia, 2 field studies, and 3 public climate lectures were held, with a number of youth forums and exchange sessions. With the supports of the Vanke Foundation, C Force Lab launched the 3C Climate Futures Youth Leadership Workshop, and also developed a variety of communication products to amplify its impact through diverse channels and platforms, prior and after the COP29 which hosted in Baku.

PKU-Sciences Po climate Week Program					
	Monday Oct 21	Tuesday Oct 22	Wednesday Oct 23	Thursday Oct 24	Friday Oct 25
Morning	Opening	Symposium 1: Global climate Governance and Negotiation	Symposium 2: Climate Finance & ESG	Symposium 3: City and Policy	Symposium 4:Sustainable Consumption & Behavior Transition
Afternoon	Youth Exchange	Field Visit: Zero Waste Program in the Forbidden City	Youth Exchange	Field Visit: EV Car Company	Youth Exchange
Evening	Youth Exchange	Climate Talk at Institut Français de Chine	3C Climate Future Leadership Workshop	Board Game: Climate Fresk	Board Game Workshop: Earth Spaceship!

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Opening Ceremony

On October 21 2024, the opening ceremony of the “PKU-Sciences Po Climate Week” was held at the Science Hall of Zhongguan Xinyuan , Peking University.

Opening speeches were presented by Prof. Piao Shilong, Vice President of Peking University, Dean of the Institute for Carbon Neutrality, and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

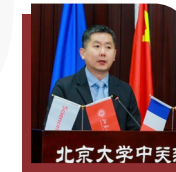
Video remarks were delivered by Dr.Nikhil Seth, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR); Prof.Shahbaz Khan, Director of UNESCO’s Office for East Asia and Representative to China, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, and the DPRK; and Prof.Jeremy Perelman, Vice President for International Affairs at Sciences Po, followed by:

- Dr. Charlotte Halpern, Director of Institute of Environmental Transformation, Sciences Po;
- Mr. Xia Yinxian, Director-General of the Department of Climate Change at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China;
- Mr. Nicolas Pillerel, Minister Counsellor for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Affairs, French Embassy in China;
- Mr. Laurent Barton, First Counsellor for Climate Action and Environment, Head of Section for Green Transition, Delegation of the European Union to China

Hosted by Prof.Zhang Haibin, Vice Dean of the Institute for Carbon Neutrality at Peking University, Vice Dean of the School of International Studies, and Boya Distinguished Professor, the opening ceremony was attended by over 100 faculty members and students from both universities.



Hosted by Prof. Zhang Haibin

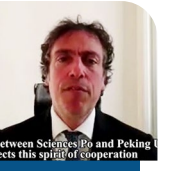


“On the foundation of the prior collaborations between Peking University (PKU) and Sciences Po, the Climate Week co-organized by these two institutions serves as a tribute to the 60-year-long deep friendship between China and France. It also represents an innovative approach to harness the academic strengths of both universities and advance global climate governance.”

—— Prof. Piao Shilong, Vice President of Peking University, Dean of the Institute of Carbon Neutrality at PKU, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences

“The partnership between Sciences Po and Peking University reflects the spirit of cooperation. For over 20 years, our institutions have exchanged students and ideas, deepening mutual understanding and fostering global perspectives.I hope the discussions and activities in the climate week will inspire new ideas and solutions, opening new chapter of cooperation between our two universities.”

—— Prof.Jeremy Perelman, Vice President of International Cooperation at Sciences Po



“China France cooperation serves as a vital beacon in the global response to climate challenges. The collaboration between universities in both countries stands as a testament to the key role young students can play in global climate action. It is our hope that the ‘PKU-Sciences Po Climate Week’ will inspire the emergence of more creative and impactful solutions.”

—— Dr.Nikkil Seth, UN Assistant-General and UNITAR Executive

“The partnership between China and France, deeply rooted in shared history, mutual respect, and strong bilateral ties, serves as an exemplary model of international cooperation. As two global leaders with shared commitments to sustainability, the collaboration between Peking University’s Institute of Carbon Neutrality and Sciences Po’s Institute for Environmental Transformations exemplifies how academia, policy, and practice can converge to drive impactful change.”

—— Prof. Shahbaz Khan, Director of the UNESCO Regional Office for East Asia and UNESCO Representative to China, DPRK, Japan, Mongolia and ROK



“The Carbon Neutral Institute of Peking University and the Institute for Environmental Transformation of the Science Po are new platforms established in order to tackle issue on climate change. With special responsibilities and historical missions, and we believe that the cooperation between the two university will contribute professional wisdom and youth voices to the global efforts to address climate change.”

—— Mr. Yingxian Xia, Director of Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China

“Both China and the EU have proposed ambitious carbon neutral targets, which require a dependent partnership between the two sides for enhancing communication and mutual understanding. The PKU-Science Po Climate Week is a new attempt, providing a good opportunity to strengthen communication and promote understanding.”

—— Mr. Laurent Barton, First Counsellor for Climate Action and Environment, Head of Section for Green Transition, Delegation of the European Union to China





" Year of 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of China-France diplomatic ties. Governments and civil societies of the two countries host a variety of celebrating activities commemorating the 60th anniversary. Such spirits are fully reflected in the hosting of the PKU-Science Po Climate Week, which has been listed in the Celebrating Activity Catalogue of 60th Anniversary, organized by the French Embassy in China and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. PKU and Science Po represent the academic excellence of China and France respectively. The cooperation and exchanges between the two universities are the epitome of the cultural exchanges between the two countries. I hope that students and teachers participating in the Climate Week would take advantage of the opportunity, learning new knowledge therefore contributing to the new partnership building between France and China. "

—— Mr.Nicolas Pillerel, Minister Counsellor for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Affairs, French Embassy in China



I am fully confident about the future, opportunities and development of China France climate cooperation. Education is an important part of that. One good example is the dual degree program between Peking University and Sciences Po. The academic cooperation on climate change is extensive and covers a wide range of topics. I hope that in the future, exchanges between Chinese and French universities and research institutions will continue to be strengthened.

—— Dr.Charlotte Halpern, Director of Institute of Environmental Transformation, Sciences Po



Dr.Binbin Wang, Founding Director of the C Force Lab at the Institute of Carbon Neutrality, PKU, chaired the Climate Futures Youth Session.



Launching of the "PKU-Sciences Po Climate Week"



Group Photo of the Opening Ceremony

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Thematic Symposia & Discussion on Sustainability

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During the Climate Week, the Environmental Transformations Research Institute of Sciences Po and the Institute of Carbon Neutrality at Peking University, in collaboration with multiple partners, organized four thematic Symposia. The topics covered key issues such as global climate governance and negotiations, climate finance and ESG, sustainable cities, and sustainable consumption.

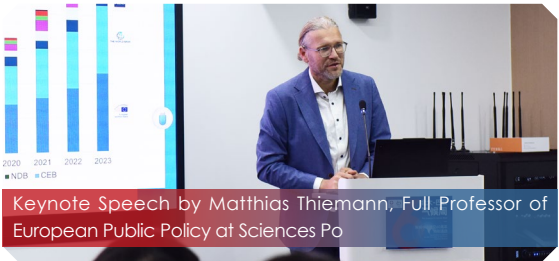
22 October: Global Climate Governance and Negotiation

Within the context of the COP29 under UNFCCC, experts exchanged the current situation of global climate governance, the role of bilateral and multilateral cooperation, opportunities and challenges of global cooperation. The core issues of the global climate governance system, such as geopolitical conflicts, and shortage of funds are exchanged. Experts from the School of International Relations at PKU, and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences attended the symposium.



23 October: Climate Finance and ESG

Finance is not only an engine of economic development, but also an important driver for social green and sustainable transformation. Climate finance has been one of the bottlenecks in global climate governance over the past 30 years. Where will new and additional finance come from? Co-organized by the Institute of Carbon Neutral at PKU, Macro and Green Finance Lab in the National School of Development at PKU, and the Institute for Environmental Transformations at Science Po, experts and scholars from universities, financial regulators, development finance institutions, and international organizations attended. Under the topic of climate finance and ESG, they discussed the financial path of green transformation, putting forward financial solutions to address climate change issues, sharing Chinese and the world's practice and experience in climate finance.



24 October: Sustainable City and Climate Policy

Cities have important strategic position in emission reduction. Currently, more than 70% of global emissions come from cities. The ratio will be close to 80% by 2050. The symposium focused on the role of cities in global climate governance and action, urban planning and renewal, low-carbon transport planning and construction. Representatives from Territorial Planning and Design Institute of PKU (PKUPDI), Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), Beijing Municipal Institute of City Planning and Design, Veolia China, Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture, GIZ, and AFD delivered keynote speeches and participated in the round-table discussion.



Group Photo of Experts and Participants



Keynote Speech by Dr. Wang Jiangyan, Deputy Director of the Institute of Land and Space Planning and Design, Peking University



Keynote Speech by Ms. Li Shanshan, Vice Country Director of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) China



Keynote Speech by Dr. Charlotte Halpern

25 October: Sustainable Consumption

Consumption has a profound impact on the environment. Sustainable consumption has been emerged as new paradigm to address the global challenge of climate change. It meets fundamental human needs by providing goods and services, while minimizes resource use and greenhouse gas emissions. Despite the worldwide growth of environmental awareness, sustainable consumption didn't come into public view. Challenging entrenched consumption patterns requires systemic transformations beyond the aggregation of individual behavioral changes. Representatives School of Economics at Beijing Institute of Technology, Rare Conservation China, Wild Aid China and Science Po delivered keynote speeches. Guests from GIZ, the Green Innovation Development Center and other organizations participated in the round-table discussion on the possibilities and solutions to promote the transformation of sustainable consumption system.



Keynote Speech by Associate Professor Liu Wenling, School of Economics, Beijing Institute of Technology



Keynote Speech by Ms. Shiyang Li, General Manager of the Rare China Center for Behavior



Keynote Speech by Dr. Binbin Wang



Keynote Speech by Ms. Yu Chong, Chief Representative of WildAid Beijing Office



Keynote Speech by Dr. Mallory Xinyu Zhan, Postdoctoral Researcher at the Center for the Sociology of Organizations, Sciences Po



Group Photo of the Experts and Participants

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Field Study & Seeing China

Under supports of Vanke Foundation and C-Team, Faculties and students from PKU and Science Po visited the "Zero Waste project" of the Palace Museum and the Blue Valley Park of Beijing Electric Vehicle Co. Ltd (BJEV). Their understanding of the carbon neutral transformation has been deeply improved after visiting of a world cultural heritage and leading EV Car companies in China. They are forming new understanding on the efforts China made for sustainable development and carbon neutrality.

Visiting of the Zero Waste Project in the Palace Museum

The Zero-waste Project of the Palace Museum employs a scientifically-based approach to waste management, incorporating the principles of waste reduction, resource recovery, and harmless disposal. The overarching objective is to enable the Palace Museum to become a globally leading zero-waste museum through effective and sustainable waste management and practices.



Group Photo of Participants



Group Photo of Chinese and International Students



Chinese and International Students and Faculty's Visits to the Forbidden City

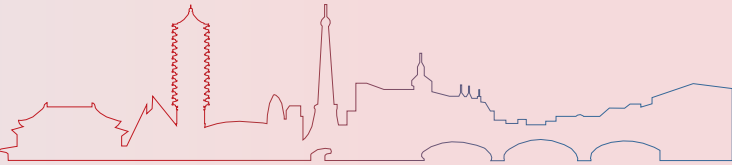


"Zero-Waste" Project Presentation by Vanke Foundation Staff



International Student Representatives Visit the Composting Project

visiting the Blue Valley of BJEV



On the afternoon of October 24, 2024, faculties and students visited the Blue Valley of BJEV. The primary aim of the visit was to gain insights into the actions, challenges, and opportunities faced by Chinese enterprises under the dual carbon goals strategy.



Group Photo at the BJEV Discussion Site



Faculties and students experience cutting-edge intelligent new energy vehicles.



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Group Photo



Ms. Liu Huayin, Chief Representative, Science Po China Office



Ms. Ji Zhao, Deputy General Manager and Board Secretary of BJEV

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3C Climate Youth Leadership Workshop & Nurturing Optimistic Champions for Carbon Neutrality

On the evening of October 23, the 3C Climate Futures Youth Leadership Workshop was successfully held. This event marked the first experimental workshop launched by the C Force Lab , with strategic support from Vanke Foundation.

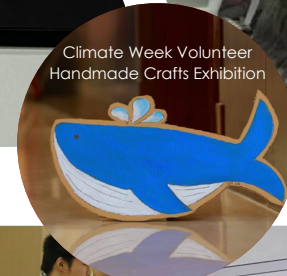
The workshop is aiming to cultivate innovative leaders for a carbon-neutral future, integrating interdisciplinary methods and tools from psychology, sociology, anthropology, and communication studies. Through inspiration and guided discussions, the workshop facilitated open dialogue, strengthened participants' connection with their inner sides, and helped them discover the intrinsic motivation to address external challenges like climate change. The goal was to inspire their leadership potential and empower them to become stubborn optimists on the path to a carbon-neutral future.



Keynote Speech by Dr. Binbin Wang



Students Interactive Discussion



Students Interactive Discussion



Facilitated by Xu Jin,
Senior Mindfulness Coach for Self-development

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Public Climate Lecture & Break Out the Silos

Climate Lecture at the Institut Français

On the evening of October 22, a public climate lecture was held at the Institut Français de Chine. Dr. Wang Binbin shared her story with the name of "My Earth's Story and Climate Change". Dr. Charlotte introduced the opportunities and challenges of achieving the EU's New Green Deal goals. Young students and researchers from PKU and Science Po were invited to share their view on sustainable consumption, youth climate action in the panel discussion session. About 200 people joined the lecture.



Opening Remarks by Mr. Mickael Corbard, Attaché for Higher Education and Social Sciences at the French Embassy in China



Keynote Speech by Dr. Charlotte Halpern



Keynote Speech by Dr. Binbin Wang



Youth Expert Forum hosted by Dr. Wei Yubo, a dual-degree Ph.D. in Anthropology from Peking University and the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), with participation of Mr. Benjamin Everett-Lane, Yenching Scholar of PKU.



Group Photo of Guests and Audience

Climate Board Game & Science Can Be Fun Too

1 Climate Fresk

On Oct. 24 and Oct. 25, the Climate Fresk and Climate Board Game were successfully held. The Climate Fresk, originating from France, is a tool designed to explore climate change through scientific principles. Presented in a fun and interactive puzzle game format, it has been used in many countries and regions worldwide to raise awareness about climate change within communities, schools, businesses, and institutions.



Group Photo of Climate Fresk Participants



Interactive Game Session Among Participants



Volunteer Mentor Sharing

2 Earth Spaceship

Earth Spaceship is a collective decision-making board game centered around climate change. It was created in 2021 by Greenpeace China and DICE (a board game designing company).



Interactive Game Session



Interactive Game Session



Interactive Game Session



Climate Week Volunteer
Handmade Crafts Exhibition



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Handmade Crafts Exhibition

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Youth Dialogue & Contributing Global Climate Governance

The Climate Week is designed to inspire youth wisdom and vitality through various activities. Representatives from Peking University's Yenching Scholar program, Sciences Po, Peking University-Sciences Po dual degree program, as well as students from various background and nationalities at Peking University gathered to discuss youth action and climate change, exploring how to engage more young people in co-creation, and seek solutions to address climate change.



Discussion and Youth Exchange

During the opening ceremony, Tom Diebel of Peking University Yenching Scholar, Naman Kapoor of Sciences Po Master's student in Economic Law, Nora Berlin of PKU-Sciences Po dual degree Master's student, and Lin Yifei undergraduate student in Environmental Science and Engineering at PKU, engaged in an youth dialogue session. Topics such as how youth can drive change in addressing climate change and how to attract more young people to participate in co-creating climate solutions are exchanged. The youth forum was moderated by Peking University Yenching Scholar Benjamin Everett-Lane.

During the climate week, representatives from the PKU Yenching Scholars Program, Sciences Po, the PKU-Sciences Po dual degree program, and students from different disciplines and nationalities at Peking University gathered to discuss youth action on climate change and explore ways to encourage more young people to participate in co-creation and finding solutions to combat climate change.



08 Vigorous Youth Actions



Performance of A Cappella Club of PKU

As emphasized by Shahbaz Khan, "Achieving carbon neutrality is not only the responsibility of governments and industries, but requires the collective action of society as a whole. Youth play a key role in global climate action. The patience, creativity, and determination of young people contribute to creating a better world and changing every corner of it." We firmly believe that youth represent the future and the hope. Despite the heavy responsibilities they carry, their potential is limitless!



Chorus of Colors of the Wind by Students from Peking University and Sciences Po



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Youth in the opening ceremony

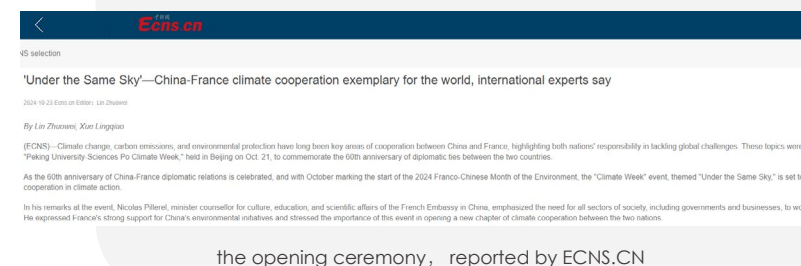
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Communications & Impacts

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A total of 350 participants registered for the Climate Week. Take the momentum of COP29, 23 related articles were published by the Institute of Carbon Neutrality, PKU via its WeChat public media platform (21 articles on Climate Week and 2 on COP29), with a total readership of approximately 11,500 views. The event received widespread media coverage, such as China News Service (CNS) and China Daily.

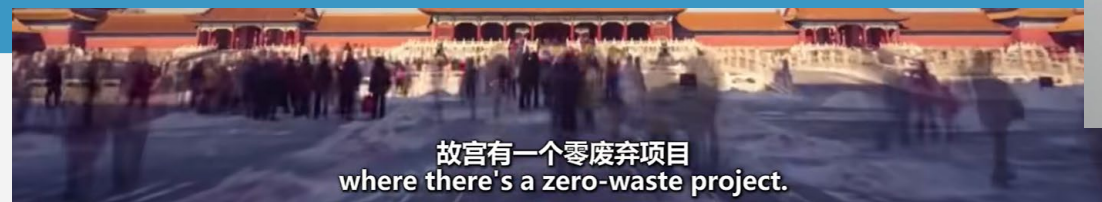
"Under the Same Sky"—China-France climate cooperation exemplary for the world, international experts say, published by ECNS.CN



China Daily published an article titled "Climate week event kicks off to promote Sino-French cooperation"



The designer of the Climate Week, Wang Binbin, was interviewed by various media, including China News Service and CCTV Radio Channel. During these interviews, she proactively introduced the "Zero-Waste Project", jointly implemented by Vanke Foundation's and the Forbidden City, reaching over 380,000 views.



Dr. Binbin Wang, interviewed by CNS about her visit of the zero waste project in the Forbidden City



10 Environmental Handcrafts & Volunteers' Action



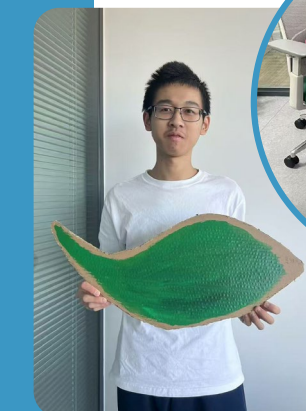
Volunteer Services at the Opening Ceremony

Do you find it out? It is made from the package of our lunch boxes!

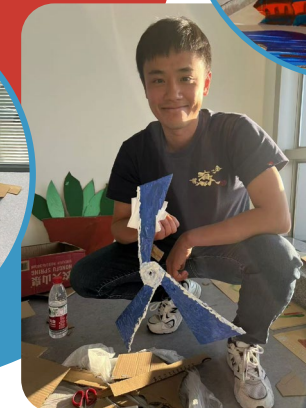
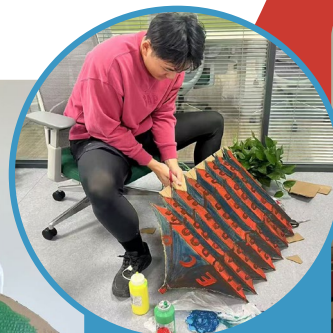


Volunteer and the handcrafts

During the preparation period, volunteers used recycled cardboard boxes to create eco-friendly handmade art pieces, showing love to our Earth Mother. Everyone strongly believes that although climate change is complex and involves various industries, actions to care for Mother Earth can begin with every day, from each meal, every trip, and any of tiny activity. By respecting nature, and embracing an attitude of gratitude, each individual can participate in the efforts to address climate change.



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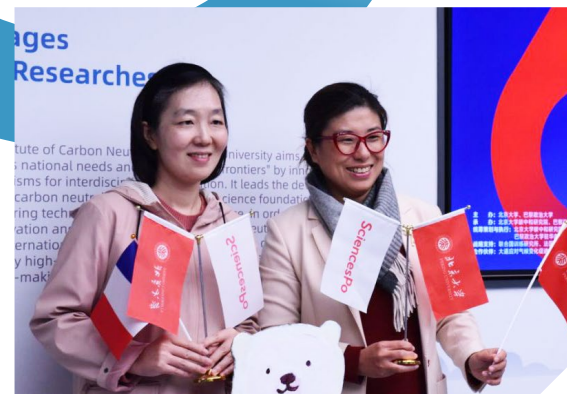


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Co-organizer & Collective Efforts



Co-Organizers Dr. Binbin Wang and Dr. Charlotte Halpern



Co-Organizer: Dr. Binbin Wang and Liu Huayin



Strategic partners and co-organizers



Dr. Binbin Wang is welcoming
International VIP guest for the opening ceremony



Group Photo of the faculty and students



Group Photo of the faculty and students

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Always be curious, with courage and compassion!
Let us work together to co-create sustainable carbon neutral future!

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