

Shenyang Resolution

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Recognizing the importance of functional economic cooperation to promote mutual understanding and prosperity, and the opportunities for linkages between the revitalization of the Northeastern Provinces of China and the goals of the Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF), the Shenyang Municipal Government and the Northeast Asia Economic Forum jointly organized the Fourteenth Meeting of the NEAEF in Shenyang, China, on 20-22 September 2005. The agenda included the Grand Design for the future of Northeast Asian development; energy efficiency, conservation, technology transfer and investment; the revitalization of Northeast China and related regional cooperation; and high technology, information technology cooperation and development in Northeast Asia.

The participants recognized the contributions made by the Shenyang Municipal Government, Liaoning Province, the China Committee for the NEAEF, and the Beijing Institute for Frontier Science, in hosting and supporting the Fourteenth Meeting of the NEAEF.

The Grand Design session examined national land planning in China, Korea, and Japan, with special attention to the region's transport networks and infrastructure. The energy session examined energy markets, energy efficiency, conservation, technology transfer, and investment in the region. The session on the revitalization of Northeast China examined the importance of the strategy for the reform and readjustment of the traditional industrial base of China, and the interactions of this strategy with Northeast Asian countries. The session on information technology examined high tech and information technology cooperation and development in Northeast Asia and specific issues related to the digital divide between large and small businesses as well as technology innovation and development in DTV broadcasting, interactive digital content, high definition, Internet, and high speed infrastructure.

The Fourteenth Meeting coincided with further significant progress achieved toward peaceful solutions among the governments of Northeast Asia, which will surely lead to a relaxation of tensions within the region and an improved climate for peaceful cooperation.

The participants agreed that joint activities to formulate and implement a Grand Design for Northeast Asia should be supported, recognizing its significance as a guide-post to promote the sustainable development of Northeast Asia as a whole, and also agreed that the interface and synchronization between the Grand Design and national land planning of each country should be promoted. In the field of energy, to enhance regional energy security, the countries of Northeast Asia should be encouraged to cooperate for the purpose of diversifying the region's supply sources for oil and natural gas, in particular through increased imports from Russia, Central Asia and the Pacific-Rim nations, and to adopt policies designed to encourage energy efficiency. The participants supported the commitment of Liaoning Province to the revitalization strategy for Northeast China, in the context of promoting regional economic cooperation, appreciated the efforts of the Shenyang Municipal Government to these ends, and resolved to make efforts to promote effective economic cooperation in the Northeast Asian region. The participants also agreed on the desirability of increased participation by Northeast Asian countries in the revitalization of Northeast China as an appropriate opportunity and effective avenue for strengthening economic cooperation for the common benefit of the region.

To enhance and facilitate activities of the Northeast Asia Economic Forum in relation to European

institutions, the participants invited Mr. Glyn Ford, Member of the European Parliament, to be the Forum's representative for the European Union.

The participants expressed appreciation to the National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA) and Japan's Committee for the Promotion of an Asian Energy Community for their support for the sessions on the Grand Design and energy issues.

The participants warmly thanked the Shenyang Municipal Government for its generous support and gracious hospitality and the Shenyang Science and Technology Bureau for its efficient implementation of the meeting.