

CONCEPT NOTE

Online Workshop on Marine Ecological Conservation and Disaster Risk Reduction

31 August to 2 September 2020 | Fuzhou, China

Introduction

The ocean has a large number of resources required for human production and life, such as oil, natural gas, marine minerals, and fisheries. However, with the rapid development of the marine industry, the problems of seawater pollution and overdevelopment of marine resources have become increasingly serious, which have made the marine ecological environment more and more fragile and severely impacted the sustainable development of marine economy. At the same time, in the context of global climate change, the risk of marine disasters has further increased, threatening people's security and hindering economic and social development. Marine disaster prevention and reduction has become a major practical issue facing coastal cities and regions. In this regard, countries and regions around the world are actively strengthening

cooperation in marine environmental protection, and jointly discussing new ideas, measures and ways to prevent and reduce marine disasters.

To be further engaged in the global marine ecological management and disaster risk prevention, and in view of the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis) and 21st Century Maritime Cooperation Committee decide to jointly hold a workshop on marine ecological conservation and disaster risk reduction via video link from 31 August to 2 September 2020. During the event, lectures will be organized around marine ecological protection, sustainable development of marine industry, protection and proper development of marine resources, and marine disaster prevention and reduction, so as to enhance participants' understanding of work and research that have been conducted by Fuzhou on related areas. Meanwhile, there will be a panel discussion for participants to share the work experiences of their own cities in the fields of marine ecological protection and disaster prevention, which can not only provide opportunities to learn from each other's good practices, but build a platform to promote practical cooperation in related fields.

Participants

Target participants will include members of Metropolis and 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee, experts, scholars and enterprises in the fields of marine ecological conservation or disaster risk reduction. The number of participants is aimed at 30.

Date and Venue

The workshop will be held on the three afternoons from 31 August to 2 September 2020 via the Zoom platform

Organizers

Sponsors: World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis)
21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee

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