

THE NETHERLANDS DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE URBAN DELTA FOR BEIJING

Dutch companies, knowledge institutions and government have developed an integrated sustainable strategy for Green Dragon Lake, a city part of Beijing. This plan has been presented during a state visit to the Dutch King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima, and representatives of the Chinese government.

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Chinese cities face major challenges relating to their liveability. President Xi Jinping has stated that improvement of the urban quality of life has to be given highest priority. This resulted in a Chinese interest in the way The Netherlands deal with spatial planning, water management, energy, logistics and food production. The Chinese president has expressed during last March visit of Dutch prime minister Rutte to China his desire to cooperate with the Dutch to learn from their knowledge and expertise.

The presented plan integrates Dutch knowledge and innovation on sustainable development in the Chinese capital. A well balanced and green urban development is the main objective for Green Dragon Lake. Herewith this 122 square kilometres area will become a demonstration zone for other Chinese cities where comparable ambitions are urgently required.

The project is realized by cooperation of the Dutch Top Sectors. Urban planning & design office KuiperCompagnons, Imagro [strategy & creation for agri, food and rural areas] and Priva [specialist in integral solutions for Sustainable Urban Deltas] have jointly worked out the plan that is accompanied by Intention Agreements from Dutch companies.