

The China Environment and Sustainable Development Reference and Research Center

The China Environment and Sustainable Development Reference and Research Center (CESDRRC) opened in March 1998. The Center's mission is to make environmental knowledge accessible to the general public by providing resources, sharing knowledge, and building international networks. Information is researched and integrated knowledge shared on issues crucial to environmental protection and sustainable development. As a learning organization, it aims at continuous improvement and uses innovative methods to meet staff and user needs.

Open to public use, the CESDRRC gives access to up to date information through a wide range of research services, various media such as electronic data, videos, journals, and books. The CESDRRC's services are unique particularly because of the broad variety of information resources available and the mixed international team, which encourages cross-disciplinary research. It is the only facility with the specific responsibility to serve Chinese government institutions together with domestic and international NGO's, educational institutions, academics, international aid organizations and the press.

The CESDRRC is part of the Center for Environmental Education and Communications (CEEC) of the Chinese State Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA). It is the largest public-sector library and information center dedicated to the environment and sustainable development in China.

- **Environmental Library**The professional scientific library contains a large variety of books and periodicals. Here you'll find the most comprehensive and up-to-date information resources on the environment and sustainable development at your fingertips.
- **Multimedia Lab**The laboratory has video viewing and electronic research stations with professional guidance. Here you can watch environmental videos, VCDs, DVDs and search electronic databases and the internet.
- **Research Section**The CESDRRC has developed a strong and extensive network of collaborative links between scientists and technologists in enterprises, government and the academic world. These links make a major contribution to the advancement of environmental knowledge in China and ensure users access to the most current reports and analysis.
- **Training Center**The center holds workshops, seminars and discussion groups on environmental topics. Language classes on environmental English and Japanese are also offered.
- **Bookshop** The shop offers mainly Chinese language works on the environment. Mail order is possible; please ask for the catalogue.

Success in building the center thus far has been achieved largely through volunteer efforts. CESDRRC is need of direct donations of books and monetary donations to develop all of its service sections. If you can help, please contact us at the address and numbers listed below. Thank you!

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