# Memorandum of Understanding to Enhance Cooperation on Low Carbon between the Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform and the California Governor's Office

The Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform and the California Governor's Office (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants") recognize the following:

Enhancing regional cooperation between the Beijing and California is critical to combating climate change, supporting the intended action in bilateral countries determined contributions on global change, controlling the emissions of carbon dioxide and other GHG, and protecting the environment and natural resources.

In order to achieve the sustainable development and response to climate change, The Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform and the California Governor's Office have therefore reached the following understandings:

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to commit to agreement of U.S.-China Joint Statement on Climate Change, promote to long-term transformation of low carbon, livable, ecological and environment protection society.

Toward this end, the participants intend to share the best practice demonstration, display the leadership on controlling carbon dioxide emissions, and strength the capacity of mitigation and adaptation in climate change.

The priority area for cooperation will be on developing the sustainable, low carbon and livable city, sharing the good experience of demonstration projects, exploring the sustainable pattern, and working together on other areas through policy dialogue, capacity building, joint research and expertise application.

# **II. Cooperation Fields**

These include, but are not limit to:

- 1. Low carbon legislation and low carbon standard;
- 2. Comprehensive and integer theory on low carbon planning and its technical means;

- 3. Clean energy and sustainable energy;
- 4. Carbon emission trading;
- 5. Low carbon transportation and relative technology (such as electric vehicle)
- 6. Smart grid and relative technology;
- 7. Capacity building (training, lecture, workshop, etc);
- 8. Public information and education;
- 9. Other area upon mutual agreement as set forth in Appendix A;

### III. Ways of Cooperation

The participants may choose to cooperate in the following ways:

- 1. Organize seminars, meetings, and conferences on topics of common interest, and invite relevant experts, scholars, and entrepreneurs to attend;
- 2. Organize study groups in both cities for study, investigation, or professional training;
- 3. Carry out joint demonstration projects including individual low-carbon technology demonstration projects and

integrated demonstration projects;

- 4. Support exchanges and joint researches between the mutual research institutions;
- 5. Organize and issue bilingual publications jointly in both Chinese and English on low-carbon;
- 6. Engage in other cooperative opportunities.

### IV. Organization

The participants agree to set up a joint working group that is responsible for planning and coordinating relevant work involving this MOU.

The working group is responsible to encourage the cooperation projects on both planning and construction/building departments, relevant research institutions, and enterprises.

## V. Dispute Settlement

The participants shall negotiate in good faith to resolve any dispute in the interpretation and application of this MOU. This MOU is not intended to give rise to rights or obligation under international law, and does not authorize any rights to either side or any third party, nor shall it impose any liability on either side or any third

party.

### VI. Execution and Validity

This MOU is executed on June 7, 2016, in Beijing, China. The MOU is executed in duplicate in Chinese and English; both versions are equally authentic.

This MOU shall come into force upon execution by both participants and is valid for three years. If any party wishes to terminate this MOU, it shall notify the other party in writing six months in advance, and the solution shall be negotiated jointly by the participants. The termination of this MOU shall not affect bilateral cooperation projects undertaken and obligations fulfilled by the participants before written notice to terminate the MOU is given.

# Appendix A:

Beijing Development and Reform Commission (BDRC) will support the California's low carbon cooperation programs under the framework of the Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of Understanding.

California Governor's Office will support Beijing to set its goals of reducing greenhouse emissions according to its own situation and circumstances, and will actively engage in the areas of improving policies and measures to reduce energy consumption, improving energy efficiency, promoting clean energy and reducing carbon emissions.

Beijing Municipal Commission of

California Governor's Office

Ken Alex

Development and Reform

Lu Yan

Ken Alex

Director-General,

Director, Senior Advisor

Executed this 7th day of June 2016.