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—Henry M. Paulson, Jr.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS



The Paulson Institute

The Paulson Institute is a "think and do" tank that promotes environmental protection and sustainable development in the United States and China, while advancing bilateral economic relations and cross-border investment. Established in 2011 by Henry M. Paulson, Jr., the Institute is committed to the principle that today's most pressing economic and environmental challenges can be solved only if the United States and China work in complementary ways. The non-partisan institute is headquartered at the University of Chicago and has offices in Washington and Beijing. Working with partners around the globe, the Institute focuses on research, programs, and advocacy that promote increased economic activity to spur job creation, smart urban growth and responsible environmental policies. Additionally, our Think Tank publishes scholarship from global thinkers on economic and environmental issues of relevance to China and the world. Please visit www.paulsoninstitute.org to learn more.



CCIEE

The China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), founded in 2009, is a comprehensive association with the mission of promoting international economic research and exchanges. CCIEE attracts experienced economic researchers and collaborates with economic researchers across various fields. It operates under the guidance and supervision of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) in terms of its business scope and is registered in the Ministry of Civil Affairs. For more information, please visit www.cciee.org.cn



THE PAULSON INSTITUTE AND CCIEE PRIZE FOR CITIES OF THE FUTURE 2015



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—Henry M. Paulson, Jr.

PRIZES FOR CITIES OF THE FUTURE 可持续发展规划项目奖

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ABOUT THE PRIZE

The Paulson Institute, in cooperation with the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), launched the Paulson Institute and CCIEE Prize for Cities of the Future in 2013. This prize is awarded annually to a sustainability project in China that demonstrates a creative, scalable and effective solution to a critical urbanization challenge.

The purpose of the Paulson Institute and CCIEE Prize for Cities of the Future is to inspire bold and sustainable solutions to the myriad challenges stemming for China's urbanization. The prize is meant to inspire those on the frontlines of China's urbanization drive to scale the prize winning solutions and foster new thinking for how China can urbanize sustainably.

The award committee is made up of prominent Chinese and American leaders in the fields of conservation, development, economics, and finance. They identify and review eligible projects, analyze and compare their merits against the award's criteria, and ultimately select the winning project.

2014 WINNER

On November 10, 2014, in Beijing, the Paulson Institute and CCIEE awarded the second annual Paulson Institute and CCIEE Prize for Cities of the Future to the Shenzhen International Low-Carbon City project. The jury committee, led by former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, selected the project based on its comprehensive and forward-thinking approach to the design, planning and implementation of a large low-carbon city.

Located in an underdeveloped neighborhood of Shenzhen, the Low-Carbon City project stands out from other urban projects in China because its planners took into careful consideration the people living in the district as they planned its rejuvenation. Instead of tearing down existing buildings and moving residents out to build new towers, the project made key investments to upgrade buildings and old factories, while improving the environment (such as cleaning up the local river). Those improvements are encouraging the organic development of high-end, low-carbon industrial projects and economic development that focuses on the needs of the local people.

2015 PRIZE

This year's Prize will be \$50,000 and a trophy created by a Chinese glass artist. The Prize will be awarded to representatives from the winning nomination by Paulson Institute Chairman Hank Paulson and CCIEE Chairman Zeng Peiyan in October 2015 in Beijing. The ceremony, widely attended by Western and foreign media and sustainability experts, will be followed by a celebratory dinner.

“The winning submission must be comprehensive and pioneering, well scalable and replicable in China and other countries struggling with urban encroachment into rural areas.”

— Richard M. Daley
(Former Major of Chicago)



Shenzhen International Low-Carbon City, the 2014 Prize Winner

HOW TO ENTER?

NGOs, businesses, and other institutions that are engaged in sustainability initiatives and projects in China are invited to submit an application which can be found on the Paulson Institute website (bit.ly/2015CitiesPrize). Applicants should be passionate and committed to making a positive impact on Chinese cities, citizens, and the environment. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2015.

As part of the evaluation process, the jury will visit and inspect projects before deciding on a winning project. The award will be presented in Beijing in October 2015. Submissions should meet the following criteria:

SUSTAINABLE

The fundamental criteria for a prize winner is incorporating and leveraging sustainable products, technologies and practices in the solution. Sustainability must underpin the project's goals and implementation.

A SOLUTION TO A DISCREET CHALLENGE

Sustainable urbanization presents challenges across numerous sectors. Our prize seeks solutions in the following categories: water, conservation, transportation, climate change mitigation, building energy efficiencies, and air quality improvement. Prize winners will have identified a discreet challenge in one of these categories and developed and applied a bold solution.

SCALABLE

China's enormous size – in terms of population, geography and economy – coupled with the scope of the urbanization drive necessitates solutions that can be applied broadly throughout the country.

BOLD, BUT EFFECTIVE

Prize winners will not only demonstrate boldness or innovation, but also have a proven track record of effectively meeting the challenge. The proven track record criteria should not limit new projects from applying, however. Jurors will also consider projects that are only recently underway, particularly if those projects have been able to attract financing or strong government support.

THE JURY COMMITTEE



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