

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION  
OF THE U.S./P.R.C JOINT WORKING GROUP  
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF  
ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

August 7-12, 2006

The Fifteenth Session of the Joint Working Group for the Protocol on United States/ People's Republic of China Cooperation in the Field of Atmospheric Science and Technology, hereafter referred to as the 15<sup>th</sup> JWG, was held in Silver Spring, Maryland in the United States of America on August 7-8, 2006. The list of delegates appears as Appendix I. The agenda adopted at 15<sup>th</sup> JWG appears as Appendix II. The meeting was conducted under the Protocol on Atmospheric Science and Technology renewed in 2004.

At the opening session, on behalf of the U.S. delegation, Brigadier General D.L. Johnson (USAF, ret.), Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration warmly welcomed the P.R.C. delegation to the Washington D.C. area for the 15<sup>th</sup> JWG. The P.R.C. delegation was led by Dr. Qin Dahe, Administrator of the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) and Co-Chair of the JWG.

While in the Washington D.C. area, the two co-chairs attended a reception in honor of the CMA Joint Working Group delegation hosted by the American Meteorological Society. Honored guests at the reception also included Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong and NOAA Administrator, Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher. Dr. Qin met with Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher on August 8, 2006, to discuss both bilateral cooperation between China and the United States under the Joint Working Group and multilateral cooperation conducted through the Group on Earth Observations.

The 15<sup>th</sup> JWG reviewed the status of the implementation of the various cooperative activities identified by the 14<sup>th</sup> JWG session. Most of the cooperative activities fell into one of the following six areas:

1. Climate and Monsoons
2. Numerical Weather Prediction
3. Meteorological Modernization
4. Satellite Meteorology
5. Exploratory Research
6. Training and Participation

The working groups continue to evolve to best address current challenges. The mesoscale and small-scale meteorology working group was renamed the numerical weather prediction working group to reflect the full range of its work plan for the next two years. Activities under the atmospheric chemistry working group have been combined with those of exploratory research, and the working group will be known as the exploratory research working group. The satellite meteorology group was expanded to include an operational component. The updated list of Joint Working Group Leads for each of the working groups appears as Appendix III.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the implementation of the programs and activities cited by the 14<sup>th</sup> JWG Summary Report. The Accomplishments of JWG-14 Cooperative Activities appears as Appendix IV.

The 15<sup>th</sup> JWG reached consensus on new cooperative activities for the next intercessional period in the six areas listed above. The implementation of these new activities will be subject to the funding availability on both sides. The Summary of proposed cooperative activities for 2006-2008 appears as Appendix V.

NOAA was pleased to host the P.R.C. delegation on a field visit to NOAA's National Weather Service Western Region headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah accompanied by Mr. John Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator of NOAA and other NOAA staff. While there, the P.R.C. delegation was invited to visit the National Weather Service Forecast Office and the National Weather Service River Forecast Center. Also, the field visit included the Olympic Park in Park City, Utah where and the meeting with representatives from the University of Utah and NOAA to discuss meteorological preparations for Olympic Games, particularly relevant as CMA prepares for the Olympic Games to be held in Beijing in 2008. A schedule for the week's activities appears as Appendix VI.

Dr. Qin Dahe, on behalf of CMA, offered to host the 16<sup>th</sup> JWG session in the People's Republic of China in 2008.

Both sides were satisfied with the discussion of cooperative activities and the results of the 15<sup>th</sup> JWG session. On behalf of the P.R.C. delegation, Dr. Qin expressed his gratitude to General Johnson for the hospitality and arrangements made for their visit to the United States. General Johnson and Mr. John Jones emphasized that NOAA would implement to the best of its ability the cooperative activities agreed to at the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of JWG in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation.

This summary report is signed in duplicate in English and Chinese, both texts being equally authentic.

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