

The CRCWSC, AWP and the Victorian Government present:

Sponge City Trade Mission to Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, China



CRC's Engagement with Kunshan

The City of Kunshan in Jiangsu Province is the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities (CRCWSC) first Incubator City in China for water sensitive cities initiatives with their commitment to "extensively use their future projects as incubators of new planning, design concepts and new technologies that are generated out of the CRCWSC" <https://goo.gl/2VjR8W>. The CRCWSC has had great successes with our engagement with the City of Kunshan over the last three years, culminating in the city being named as one of China's ecological garden city <https://goo.gl/sAKqMA> a prestigious award.

Kunshan's Sponge City Initiatives

The city has set aside a 23 km² area as a sponge city demonstration zone with capital works expenditure of over 2 billion RMB over the next three years. Over 300 projects have been identified, ranging from new and retrofitting urban development, pipe line upgrading, flood infrastructure, roads, park land development, and waterway restoration.

The Sponge City Trade Mission

As a trusted advisor, the CRCWSC has been asked by the City of Kunshan to facilitate introductions of Australian companies with expertise in water sensitive urban design, water technology and associated infrastructure planning and design to help support their sponge city infrastructure program.

The CRCWSC, AWP and the Victorian Government are leading a trade mission to Kunshan on the 13th to 15th of February with the specific purpose of providing introductions for Australian companies to the City of Kunshan and invited associated local design institutes and urban infrastructure enterprises.

"We are committed to the incorporation of water sensitive practices into the transformation of Kunshan. I sincerely invite Australian expertise to build mutual beneficial partnerships with local industries and collectively help implement our ambitious sponge city program for the city. I look forward to seeing you in Kunshan in Feb 2017"

Vice Mayor Shen Xiaoming
City of Kunshan

Preliminary Mission Programme

The trade mission will disseminate information and facilitate business-to-business discussions around projects that have been scheduled for early implementation. The overall structure of the 3-day programme is as follows:

Monday 13 February – Seminar

- Presentation by the City of Kunshan on projects in the pipeline
- Presentations by Australian delegates on their expertise and project experience in water sensitive urban design

Tuesday & Wednesday 14 & 15 February

- Business matching and business-to-business discussions on possible partnerships and collaboration in delivering work packages

Registration for the mission before 16 December 2016. Pre-departure briefings will be organised in January 2017. For more information please contact: Ebony.Henderson@crcwsc.org.au