

Opening Ceremony of International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in China

Opening Speech

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Honorable leaders, distinguished experts and guests, ladies and gentlemen:

First of all, on behalf of the department of land resources of Shanxi Province, I warmly congratulate on the establishment of International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in China.

As we all know, China is not only the world's third largest coal reserves country whose coal production and consumption ranked first, but also is third largest coal-bed methane reserves country .As the most famous coal producing province in China, Shanxi has been in the forefront of coal mining and coal mine methane extraction and utilization in china.

In the new historical period, Shanxi province, under the major task of "construction of national resources based economic transformation pilot area", proposed by general secretary Xi Jinping, adheres to the efficient utilization and safety green mining and cleaning of coal and associated resources to promote the overall development of the energy sector reform. In recent years, we have put forward and carry out "development planning of CBM Resources

in Shanxi Province Survey (2016-2020)". For the first time in the country, the exploration rights of coal-bed methane blocks have been sold publicly, which forms "Shanxi mode" of coal-bed methane management. We first defined the CBM industry land policy, and formulate the country's first coal-bed methane "standard package". Meanwhile, we establish and improve the comprehensive management system of coalbed methane pilot extraction, and provide a "Shanxi model" to the pilot extraction continuation dilemma".

The establishment of International Centre of Excellence on coal mine methane in China, on the one hand reflects the international community for the support and recognition of work done in Shanxi province and China coal mine methane management and utilization, on the other hand, counting on enterprise-oriented international cooperation form of NGO, based on Shanxi, China and the platform of international methane management hub, tries to foster a new model of coal mine methane management to the whole world, with the application of advanced technology and scientific methods to promote carbon emission reduction and mitigate global climate change. This is an event of achievement for the present and benefits for the future".

Therefore, under the guidance and support of the UNECE, and under the fully support of Shanxi Province, Shanxi Coking Coal Group bears the important mission to establish the International Centre of

Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in China, and will take this opportunity to use the platform to learn advanced experience of the industry, carry out extensive cooperation and exchanges. With the concept of "going out & bringing in", we will promote coal mine methane extraction and utilization to reach a new level from Shanxi to China and even the world continuously.

Finally, I wish the Centre a high starting point and high level of development. Based in Shanxi, take a broad view of the world, with an international perspective, I wish the Centre make due contributions to the world mine safety mining, energy clean utilization, greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Thank you all!