

## **AAET Delegation to The 2012**

### **China – ASEAN Engineering Projects Cooperation & Development Forum**

**Jointly organized by**

**Guangxi Association for Science and Technology  
&  
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The China-ASEAN Engineering Projects Cooperation & Development Forum is an activity held in conjunction with the 9<sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO). The forum is sponsored by China-ASEAN Expo Secretariat and supported by The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers CAD, The Macau Institution of Engineers, The Hong Kong Association for Advancement of Science and Technology and Hong Kong College of Technology.

Representing AAET to the Forum are Vice President Dr. Lock Kai Sang, Council Member Professor Meas Sokhom, Fellow Professor Chew Yong Tian and Fellow Yong Ah Huat. Following the welcome address by Mr Gan Xiang-Qun, President of Guangxi Association for Science and Technology, Dr Lock delivered the AAET opening address.



**Delegates with hosts at the Forum**

Two papers were presented at the Forum by the AAET team:

- 1) Professor Meas Sokhom, **Green is Gold for Cambodia**
- 2) Dr Lock Kai Sang, **Alternative Dispute Resolutions of Engineering and Construction Contracts**

Arrangements were made for the delegates to visit the Expo, an annual event which is treated with fanfare by the locals.



**AAET Delegates visiting China-ASEAN Expo on 22 September 2012**  
(From left: Chew YT, Mrs Lock, Lock KS, M Sokhom, Yong AH)

As usual, the delegates were treated with the customary hospitality of the Chinese host – sumptuous meals and fine wines.

### **Lessons Learned**

- The Expo has been a successful and important annual event for the local government, and has played a significant role in promoting the trade and industrial development of Guangxi.
- The China western regional engineering and science communities are keen to continue technical exchanges with AAET.
- AAET should continue this regular technical forum.
- The Nanning people are friendly and very hospitable.



Post-forum tour to Guilin

## **BACKGROUND OF CHINA ASEAN EXPO**

China-ASEAN Expo has developed over the years as a premier international business and investment fair of China. It is organized by the people's Government of GuangXi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The main aim of the event is to bring about a common prosperity by fostering the economic growth of the region. It opens immense opportunities for trade cooperation between the different business communities of the world and the mutual benefit of the exhibitors and visitors.

The China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), co-sponsored by Governments of China and 10 ASEAN countries and ASEAN Secretariat, is an international trade event held annually in Nanning, Guangxi, China, since 2004. With the full support of governments of China and the 10 ASEAN countries and backed by the huge market and favorable policies of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA), the CAEXPO has gained high recognition from both the political and business communities of China and ASEAN. It has emerged as an excellent platform for bilateral cooperation in diverse fields. Products on display at the Expo are of many categories, like oil and chemical products, mineral products, chemical raw materials, electronics and electrical appliances, office supplies, rubber and rubber products, timber and its products, palm oil and its products, handicrafts, agricultural produce and other food products, agricultural material, building material, etc. The theme for the 9<sup>th</sup> China ASEAN Expo held during 21 – 25 September 2012 at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Center focused Science and Technology Cooperation. It is therefore fitting for the ASEAN Engineering Projects Cooperation & Development Forum.