



## Press release

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### **World Bioenergy Association strengthens collaboration with Jilin Province, China**

*WBA sets up 1<sup>st</sup> ever branch office in Jilin Province, China*

It was an important occasion for World Bioenergy Association as the organization set up its first ever branch office in Changchun, Jilin Province, China on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. The occasion was part of a highly informative forum on ‘*International Cooperation Forum for Biomass Resources – Comprehensive Utilization of the Whole Industry Chain Development*’. The establishment of the branch office – in the presence of the Deputy Governor of Jilin Province Mr. Sun Dawei – is a milestone in the expansion of the WBA as a truly global organization. Moreover, this gives the perfect opportunity for local companies and associations in the complete bioenergy supply chain to gather together and to promote the development of bioenergy.

*“We as the World Bioenergy Association believe that the transition to 100% renewable energy is the permanent solution for mitigation of climate change with bioenergy playing a leading role. Bioenergy converts biomass and waste to energy and contributes to environmental protection. Biomass is a natural storage option for renewable energy. Opening the WBA branch office in China and signing MoU between WBA and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology department of Jilin Province, we have provided the platform for interaction of the WBA members and potential bioenergy projects in China which will in turn be a win-win solution for all countries in the world” – says Dr. Tanay Sidki Uyar, Vice President, WBA*

The forum was highly successful which included presentations from technology companies from Finland, Sweden, Lithuania and Denmark who presented the latest technological advancement in the bioenergy sector in Europe. Representatives from China talked about the development of the local forestry and agricultural industry and the need for technical expertise for increasing development of bioenergy.”

**WBA & CNECC:** At the same forum, WBA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the China New Energy Chamber of Commerce (CNECC). The MoU establishes the relationship between CNECC and WBA in promoting the development and deployment of bioenergy in China including facilitating linkages between companies, researchers and bioenergy organizations from different parts of the world; encouraging cultural and academic exchange between China and other countries; and strengthening the communications between technical experts leading to increasing impact of bioenergy.

**WBA & Jilin Provincial Government:** The later part of the forum was a high-level interaction between WBA representatives and Jilin Provincial Government. The event was hosted by Mr. Zhu Tianshu, Director of Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. The aim was to promote industrial development in Jilin Province, establish advanced biomass manufacturing industry and a cooperation platform in biomass energy between enterprises in Jilin Province and foreign advanced manufacturing enterprises. The discussion concluded with the signing of a MoU between WBA and Industry and Information Technology department of Jilin Province.

Earlier in the day, WBA had the pleasure of being hosted by the Vice Governor of Jilin Province Mr. Jin Yuhui in a discussion on strengthening collaboration between WBA and the local government. The event was attended by WBA delegates representing companies in Europe and local provincial ministers of Jilin.

At the forum, WBA was represented by Dr. Tanay Sidki Uyar (Vice President) and Bharadwaj Kummamuru (Executive Director). The forum was organized as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> North East China Expo. WBA along with Great Resources had an exhibition stand at the expo where the Vice Premier of China Mr. Wang Yang visited the venue. The forum also included a study visit to two biomass installations along with a biomass testing facility in Changchun, China.

WBA appreciates the efforts made by Dr. Hong Hao and his team from Great Resources.

A detailed report will be available for members only.

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*About the WBA*

*The World Bioenergy Association (WBA) is the global organization dedicated to supporting and representing the wide range of actors in the bioenergy sector. Its members include national and regional bioenergy organizations, institutions, companies and individuals. The purpose of WBA is to promote the increasing utilization of bioenergy globally in an efficient, sustainable, economic and environmentally friendly way. Since its foundation in May 2008, WBA has been working to address a number of promising issues including certification, sustainability, standardization, bioenergy promotion and debates about bioenergy's impact on food, land use and water supply.*