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Tsinghua University, in collaboration with Synocus Group, the City of Espoo and Aalto University, has, over the last few years, developed a concept for a World Alliance for Low Carbon Cities (WALCC). This alliance is a means to enable cities, companies and research institutes to efficiently exchange ideas and collaborate in demonstration projects relating to new innovative technologies addressing climate change and energy consumption. The ambition is to build WALCC into a global professional community uniting leading experts with a strong interest in furthering the development of low-carbon cities. WALCC facilitates communication and cooperation, and provides a platform both for demonstration projects and academic research relating to low carbon cities. Cities, corporations and researchers will work together to come up with more environmentally friendly solutions for urban transportation, renewable resources, green buildings and city planning. More information about WALCC can be found at www.walcc.org.



The first steps have already been taken

In September 2011 the 5th Sino-Finnish Innovativeness Forum was held at the Dipoli congress centre in Espoo. At this forum representatives from Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Ordos and Kyoto together with participants from Finland discussed the experiences they had gathered and agreed that institutionalizing this cooperation into a formal organization, WALCC, would be of great benefit. Subsequently, Tsinghua University and Synocus Group have actively initiated discussions with a large number of cities both in Europe and Asia regarding their interest in joining the alliance. The response has been positive, and the plan is to be able to formally launch the new alliance in Beijing in May 2012.

WALCC provides a valuable connection to an international network of leading experts in fields which are high on the Finnish innovation agenda. Therefore Synocus has agreed with Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation, that the research communities established within the Eco Urban Living initiative, which is part of the EVE-program (a national four year research program on electric vehicles and related services), will also have access to the WALCC community.

Beijing World Low Carbon Development Forum

The World Low Carbon Development Forum will be held from the 14th to 15th, May, 2012 in Beijing, China. This forum is expected to gather a large group of professionals who are eager to contribute their efforts in combating climate change through very concrete measures carried out as demonstration initiatives in urban environments. The formal inauguration of WALCC will also be announced at this Forum, and the first board as well as the other administrative functions will be agreed upon at this event. For those interested to learn more about this forum, please contact:

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