



CHEMICAL INDUSTRY – CHINA SUSTAINABILITY PLACEMENT PROGRAMME

CICS



Ensuring highest International standards of sustainable development in the Chinese Chemical sectors

We are delighted to announce a new work placement scheme under the China Sustainable Development Dialogue initiative, to help UK businesses and Chinese professionals in the chemical and related industries to share cultural and business insights, particularly in regard to Health & Safety standards. The programme – CICS – has been commissioned by and is partly funded by DEFRA as part of the Government's global sustainable development initiative.

www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/international/dialogues/

The scheme will be managed by the British Council in Manchester, which has extensive experience of developing and managing international work placement schemes, such as the very successful BOND Scheme, which has been running since 1998, with the support of UK Trade & Investment.

This is a unique opportunity for your organisation to contribute towards ensuring that the Chemical Industries in China work towards International standards in health and safety to ensure sustainable development in the future. In addition to benefiting the industry globally, you will be able to develop closer understanding and dissemination of best practice working with your partners in China.

CICS gives you the opportunity to contribute to this initiative through hosting project focussed 6 month work attachments for professionals from the Chinese chemical sector.

Candidates will be nominated by stakeholders in the Chinese Chemical sector and will undergo a rigorous selection process and English language testing. The selection panels will include representatives of chemical industries groups such as Sinopec, Sinochem, Petrochina and the Chemical Industry Association together with UK companies operating in China. The DTI will be involved in promoting the scheme in the UK through UKTI regional offices, and in China.

Once candidates have been selected to specific criteria in China, you will be given a short list from which to select your trainee(s). The British Council takes care of all the arrangements and day to day welfare details, leaving you to free to concentrate on making the most of your professional's time in the UK.



- The British Council processes the required work permit and visa, and conducts pre-departure briefings on living in the UK. We arrange 'meet and greet' at port of entry and arrange accommodation for the first few nights if required.
- We provide ongoing support, and participants also have access to our emergency 24/7 welfare service.
- There will opportunities for host companies and their professionals to meet other participating companies.
- There will ongoing monitoring after each attachment to assess the success and impact of the Scheme, both with host organisations and the participants through our British Council Alumni register overseas.

The costs.....

DEFRA has provided funding to cover the cost of the British Council's management expenses. The only costs to the host organisation will be an agreed monthly stipend for each professional, return economy class air fare and a one off charge made by the Home Office for a work permit which is passed on at cost. There are no headcount issues or tax implications. We arrange all the payments and simply invoice you quarterly in advance.

These placements will be an enriching experience for all concerned – our host companies will gain cultural and business insights into the Chinese Chemicals market, and an opportunity to influence the sharing of best practice. The participating professionals will gain experience of UK sector standards which in addition to improving standards in China will enhance their career prospects.

For more information or to arrange a meeting

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