China currently faces major environmental challenges partly due to agricultural activities. Use of fertilisers and pesticides are among the highest in the world. Soil erosion, soil pollution and loss of agricultural biodiversity are widespread. Water scarcity affects many parts of the country, as shown by plummeting water tables in northern China.

The Danish public sector can offer substantial knowledge on drafting and implementing regulatory measures and laws on e.g. husbandry regulation and food safety. In addition, the Danish private sector can offer substantial knowledge on e.g. technical solutions for sustainable production methods, establishment of cooperatives, set-up of systems for advisory service and educational programmes to support the Chinese demand.

**Key activities in 2016**

During 2016 the Embassy’s established relations to the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) and Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) have been intensified. Furthermore, relations to other relevant stakeholders have been intensified and new activities have been started up: among others Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science (CAAS) - affiliated to MoA - is the signing partner of "project B", which aims at using manure as fertilizer.

Finally, extensive networks and dynamic cooperation at regional/provincial levels have been strengthened: a Letter of Intent (LoI) on SSC cooperation has been signed between the Harbin Municipality and the Danish side.

**Main achievements in 2016**

Joint Chines-Danish drafting and approval of two strategical sector cooperation projects.

- Signing of LoI between Harbin Municipal People’s Government and the Royal Danish Embassy on Deeping the Cooperation in Agriculture
- Speeches delivered at several Chinese forums and workshops regarding agricultural trends in China and Denmark
- Successful admittance of 5 candidates from CAAS to “One Health” course at University of Copenhagen

**Status:** Full SSC project under implementation. **Partners:** China Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Harbin Municipality and the Danish Food and Drug Administration under the Ministry of Environment and Food. **Contact:** Counsellor Tilde Hellsten (Tilhel@um.dk) / Royal Danish Embassy in China and Anders Ankaer Sørensen (Anaso@fvst.dk), Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, Denmark.