



Project description

Since November 2015, Denmark and China have successfully co-operated on two Strategic Sector Cooperation projects within the Food (Project A) and Agricultural Sector (Project B).

Project A focuses on deepening the collaboration on legislation, policymaking and technical exchanges. Improvement of food safety is a high priority for the Chinese government due to a strong public focus on food safety. Implementation and efficient control denotes core focus for this project. Infant formula is also addressed. This is a Chinese focus area and of great interest for the Danish dairy industry in relation to market access and export potential.

Project B focuses on capacity building and developing sustainable agriculture and reduction of ammonia emission from pig production. This SSC project aspires to learn more about each other's policies in the field of ammonia emission issues. A series of activities regarding legislation, regulation setting and establishment of showcase demonstrations are expected to be carried out under the Phase II of the Agricultural Project.

Key activities in 2019

- Successful Minister visit from the Ministry of Environment and Food in September 2019, including meeting with the Chinese State Administration of Market Regulation (SAMR) agreeing on Phase II collaboration.
- Several successful key note speeches at international conferences promoting the Danish approach towards sustainability and partnerships have been conducted during autumn 2019

- Conference held on Improving Resource Efficiency and Reducing Food Loss and Food Waste, November 26, 2019
- Fruitful participation in Pig Roundtables 3.-4 December 2019 in Guangzhou and Nanning bringing the SSC-collaboration forward.
- Starting up phase II

Main achievements in 2019

During the Danish Ministers' meeting in September 2019, the Sino-Danish SSC collaboration on Agriculture was discussed. It was agreed moving forward with the SSC Phase II project; yet it was without a specific commitment regarding dates for signing of the project.

Starting up the second phase of SSC-collaboration has been more challenging than anticipated. Different factors affecting the start-up can have been influential. We do however believe that this underlines the relevance of collaboration within the SSC framework. We are sure that the already strong relationship between the Chinese and Danish authorities will be further strengthened through the SSC project.

The agricultural project continued in parallel in 2018/2019 on a regular pace, but due to Chinese re-organisations it was first in the second half of 2019 renewed government-to-government negotiations picked up in relation to the signing of a new SSC Phase II planned to run during the period 2019-2022.

As a result, setting off phase II has been core focus in the second half of 2019 and momentum is expected to be picked up in 2020.

From a Danish industry perspective, the SCC project in China has a very high relevance and focus. The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration as well as the embassy are in close contact with the Danish Industry organisations in order to facilitate market access while helping to improve the Chinese framework legislation through the project activities.