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Second Sino-American Conference on Environmental Law Held

In October 1989 the Center hosted seven delegates from the People's Republic of China for eight days. The visit included a special two-day program: "New Challenges for Environmental Protection: Second Sino-American Conference on Environmental Law." The first Sino-American Conference on Environmental Law had been held in Beijing in 1987. (The edited papers from that meeting are available as a book from the Center.)

This visit provided an opportunity to deepen and expand the exchanges begun in 1987 since many of the same people, both Chinese and American, participated in both programs. The first conference session addressed general environmental and natural resources policy in the two countries. The discussion then turned to regionally based integrated environmental management. Next, new developments in the areas of air and water pollution regulation were discussed. Finally, the group considered issues related to global climate change. American delegates included Professor Daniel Magraw, University of Colorado School of Law, Professor George Pring, University of Denver College of Law, Professor A. Dan Tarlock, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Thomas Speicher, Regional Counsel, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, and Clyde Martz, Davis, Graham & Stubbs.

After the conference, the Chinese delegates met with Center Director Larry MacDonell exchanges gifts with the head of the Chinese delegation Zhu Zhong Jie, Deputy Secretary-General of the Chinese Society of Environmental Sciences.

representatives from federal, state and local environmental agencies. In addition they toured several spots in Colorado, including Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado Springs, and the environmental award-winning Henderson Mine near Berthoud Pass.

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