

# Sustainable Cities Conference at Beijing Design Week

*Strengthening the ties between Danish companies and China*

The City of Copenhagen is guest city at Asia's biggest design event – Beijing Design Week 2018. The design week takes place from the last week of September to the first week of October, and the main theme is urban development and urban solutions.

The Danish guest city participation will include a two-day conference programme focusing on "Sustainable Cities". The conference takes place from 26th to 27th September and builds on Copenhagen's strong international brand as a green and liveable city – a brand that is highly supported by Danish companies co-creating urban solutions and facilitating urban development in our city.

Beijing has strong ambitions of becoming a sustainable and liveable capital pioneering the way towards a future Chinese ecological civilisation. The 2012 Beijing-Copenhagen sister city agreement and Beijing Design Week makes a strong platform for promotion of Danish urban solutions to a key Chinese audience.

The conference will be held at venues close to the main guest city exhibition and in Gehua Tower next to the Qinglong Hutong. The conference is hosted by the City of Copenhagen and Beijing Municipal Government. High-level guests from both Denmark and China including ministers, mayors and other high-level representatives from the municipal government, districts and companies, will be invited.

## **A conference programme that activates both private and public sectors**

The aim of the conference is to share knowledge and ideas, and to create a space for cooperation between Chinese and Danish representatives from local authorities, government decision makers and companies. Mutual learning and interaction will be highly prioritised. Each conference day will start with a plenary session followed by sub forums or workshops with specific themes.

Along with the sub forums an exhibition tour and study tours to the Qinglong Hutong, where a Danish urban renewal project is scheduled to commence in 2018, will be arranged. Qinglong is also likely to be a place where Danish companies will have the chance to present prototypes directly in an urban environment.

## **Bringing in companies**

The sustainable and liveable Copenhagen is a result of innovative urban solutions created by companies or in cooperation between municipality and companies. Therefore, companies will be key participants in the conference and could present relevant cases, participate in panels, engage in debates or even act as key note speakers. The conference serves as a golden opportunity for Danish green companies to present how they have created a concrete solution to a common challenge in Copenhagen, China or elsewhere.

## **Liveability in Copenhagen & Beijing**

<i>Sustainable Cities Conference</i>	<i>Forums</i>
<b>Day 1</b> Sustainability in Beijing and Copenhagen	Smart Cities, Buildings, Homes Sustainable Urban Renewal in Qinglong Hutong Food Climate Adaptation and Water Management
<b>Day 2</b> Sustainable Future Living	Debating the Sustainable Agendas of Tomorrow

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