



ICMA China Center



Better Management, Better Cities
创新城市管理

The ICMA China Center was established by ICMA and the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in 2011 with the purpose of contributing to the quality of local government management in China by conducting research projects, providing technical assistance and training for Chinese local governments and creating model projects for city improvement to be replicated throughout China.

The ICMA China Center sponsored the highly successful ICMA International Regional Summit in Yangzhou in May 2014, bringing together 200 people from nine countries, including ICMA members and representatives of ICMA's international affiliates, Chinese government officials, and CUPL professors. In keeping with its theme of "Eco-Friendly Urbanization," the summit addressed sustainable development initiatives such as

clean energy, clean water, clean air, and brownfields redevelopment—all of which are getting increasing attention among local government officials around the world.

Pre- and post-summit study tours provided an opportunity for participants to enrich their experience through interaction with Chinese local government officials and visits to some of the country's premier historical and cultural sites.

Opportunities for Members

The services offered by the ICMA China Center provide opportunities for members to serve pro bono as trainers, lecturers, speakers, or hosts to Chinese visitors, and in other capacities.

Guest Lecturer Program (pro bono opportunity): The China Center offers several guest lecturer opportunities. ICMA members have been placed at Chinese universities to deliver one- to two-week courses on city management and related subjects. In addition, members are invited to deliver sessions at training courses and at conferences. In 2013 and 2014, twelve ICMA members participated in this program, and additional opportunities will be announced when they become available. In the future, the China Center will offer basic and advanced certification training programs in city management for Chinese local government officials to help set city management standards and build management capacity in Chinese cities.



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China EcoPartnership Program (become an EcoPartner to a Chinese city): Under the umbrella of the 10-year U.S.-China Strategic Economic Dialogue, the ICMA China Center was accepted as one of 25 EcoPartners in the prestigious and competitive EcoPartnership program of the U.S. Department of State. Under this program, the Center promotes the establishment of partnerships between U.S. and Chinese cities that are focused on green development. Three EcoPartnerships have been formalized to date.

Study Tours: Study tours are offered for local government officials and others who want to combine professional learning with tourism. The first study tours were offered in 2014 before and after the International Regional Summit. Another tour is scheduled during 2015. Tours offer meetings with local governments and civil society groups that provide a glimpse of the inner workings of Chinese cities and visits to landmark sites that showcase the beauty of the landscape, the country's long history, and the unique Chinese culture.

Study tours from China to U.S. cities provide opportunities to observe how U.S. cities operate, make decisions, engage their citizens, and preserve their environment. The study tour design also ensures that the participants are immersed in U.S. culture and visit famous sites. The China Center would like to hear from potential U.S. host cities.

Future ICMA China Center Offerings

As the China Center gains momentum, it will offer additional services for Chinese and U.S. cities:

- **Internships (hosting opportunity):** The ICMA China Center will place English-speaking Chinese students with an interest in public administration and management in U.S. cities.
- **Job Shadowing (hosting opportunity):** English-speaking government officials or civil society representatives will have the opportunity to job shadow U.S. local government officials or civil society groups to directly observe and participate in the life of U.S. cities.

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