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Welcome Address from the President of ISES

It is with great pleasure that I invite you on behalf of the International Solar Energy Society to the ISES Solar World Congress 2007 in Beijing, China, from September 18 to 21, 2007. It will be the first time for China to hold such a congress, 10 years after the last ISES event was staged in Asia.

The ISES Solar World Congress 2005 in Orlando, Florida, was a great success with more than 1,300 people from over 70 countries participating. We hope the 2007 event will attract equal numbers of interested scholars and professionals, and even outdo the performance of its predecessor.

The ISES Solar World Congresses focus on the following topics:
(1) Solar in Buildings,
(2) Solar Collector Technologies,
(3) Solar Thermal Systems,
(4) PV Technologies,
(5) Energy Storage,
(6) Resource Assessment,
(7) Indirect Solar Technologies,
(8) Solar Energy and Society, as well as
(9) Solar Cities.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in Beijing in September 2007.

Torben Esbensen
President of ISES
Welcome Address from the President of CSES

On behalf of the Chinese Solar Energy Society, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the ISES Solar World Congress 2007 in Beijing, China, from September 18 to 21, 2007.

This congress is the first of its kind ever held in China and will bring together ISES members and professionals in solar and renewable energy from around the globe, providing a perfect platform for knowledge exchange.

In the last years, China has seen a rapid development in solar and renewable energy. The Chinese government enacted a series of Renewable Energy Laws to set China on the path of energy efficiency, exploring the scope of renewable energies and working toward a more sustainable development.

It is my firm belief that this congress presents a golden opportunity for Chinese professionals and their international colleagues alike to share their knowledge and experience to the benefit of all participants.

Shi Dinghuan
President of CSES
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