

## **Translation of NICPBP Website Article about the June 18, 2009 Meeting with IPEC**

Mr. Li Yunlong, the director of National Institute for the Control of Pharmaceutical & biological Products (NICPBP), has held a meeting with the representatives of IPEC Americas and IPEC China on Jun 18<sup>th</sup> 2009, including David.R.Schoneker (Past Chair, IPEC Americas), William Dale Carter (Chair-elect, IPEC Americas), Jiaqi Yuan (Vice President, IPEC China) and Dereke Tsao (IPEC China, Taiwan).

Director Li introduced the development history of China excipients and its current situation to the visitors. All people watched the short introduction video for NICPBP together and after that the IPEC representatives were able to have a general understanding to the history, development and function of NICPBP, which also held a lot of interests for the visitors. The IPEC representatives congratulated Director Li on the NICPBP's achievement and expressed much appreciation to Director Li's invitation and the meeting.

David R.Schoneker introduced the organization structure and development of IPEC to Director Li.. IPEC Federation has four group members, IPEC-Americas, IPEC-Europe, IPEC-Japan and IPEC-China, which acts as the independent local IPEC associations. The headquarters of IPEC Federation is located in U.S. Each group member will focus on the local regulatory requirements and the scientific application for pharmaceutical excipients individually, to help the company members to achieve their mission & goals. There are over 300 companies throughout the world which had joined in their local IPEC association. The four group members will keep consistency on the safety and public health concerns related to excipients and work on harmonization of compendial monographs and international activities..

During the conversation, the people from NICPBP had a friendly and effective discussion with IPEC representatives on promoting China Pharmacopeia, excipients application research, excipients safety and excipients industrial development in China and the world. Four agreements were achieved in the discussion:

1. IPEC China accepts NICPBP as a technical observer
2. IPEC invites NICPBP's expert to attend the excipient regulatory meeting this October in US.
3. IPEC accepts the invitation of NICPBP to have someone attend the first "drug fast analysis technique forum".
4. IPEC and NICPBP will enhance the cooperation in future on excipient quality control technique and harmonization of excipient compendial monographs.

After the conversation, the IPEC representatives visited the Lab of Pharmaceutical Excipients and Packaging Material, and communicated with the technicians with respect to some technical question.

Below person from NICPBP attended the meeting as well:

Guifen Liu (Director Assistant, NICPBP),

Zhaopeng Yang (Head of Director office, NICPBP),

Ling Li (Director, Department of International Cooperation, NICPBP),  
Huiming Sun (Deputy Director, Division of Pharmaceutical Excipients and Packaging Material,  
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