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The stagnation of China's rural economy over the last decade has become a major challenge for the harmonious and fair development of the whole economy. With the growing integration into the world economy, ensuring a smooth transition in rural China has reached top priority in the Chinese government agenda. The importance of rural areas goes far beyond the economic sphere, and concerns environmental and social questions. With more than 745 million rural population in 2005 accounting for 57% of China's total population, the Chinese development cannot afford ignoring rural issues regarding restructuring its agriculture sector, modernizing rural areas, and improving farmers' welfare.

The international conference on "Development Challenges in Rural China" intends to cover all the important questions related to development issues in rural China with particular focuses on following issues:

- Transformation of the rural economy and its implications for farming income and food security
- Development of off-farm activities in rural areas
- Migration and relations between urban and rural areas
- Urban-rural divide
- Sustainable management of natural resources (land, forest, water, etc.)
- Challenges of poverty, inequality and welfare improvement problems
- WTO and rural development
- Rural governance and taxation
- Rural financial systems
- Education, health care and social protection in rural areas

Official language

Official language is English.

Abstract submission

Please email an abstract (3-4 pages, written in English) of your paper *no later than June 15, 2007* to Somvichit Nachampassack at promotio@cefc.com.hk.

The cover page should include the title of the paper, name of authors, affiliation, mailing address and email address.

Time and paper selection procedure

June 15, 2007: Deadline for submission of abstracts

July 15, 2007: Notification of acceptance

September 15, 2007: Deadline for submitting the completed paper - Registration

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