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Chinese authorities enhance their understanding of international migration law and standards

Beijing, 2 March – a two-day training workshop on “International Migration Law and International Standards”, opened today in Beijing. The main objective of the workshop is to provide a broad overview of the migration related legal instruments and frameworks to Chinese officials charged with aspects of migration management.

The training, organized by IOM in the framework of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility Support Project¹, gathered 51 Chinese participants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Foreign Affairs offices from provinces, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Ministry of Education, State Administration for Foreign Expert Affairs, National Health and Planning Commission, and senior academic experts.

Two experts on migration law will conduct the training led by IOM’s International Migration Law (IML) Unit and supported by an International Migration Law (IML) expert and academician from Malta/United Kingdom as well as the Director for the ILO Country Office for China and Mongolia. The overarching objective of the training is to enhance the understanding of the global environment that constitute the framework for cooperative migration governance and provide pragmatic recommendations that can be drawn on for practical action and improvement in migration management in and for China.

During his opening remarks, Mr. TIAN Lin, Counsellor of the International Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs emphasizes that migration issues have become an important theme for global management and this training session will provide an opportunity for Chinese side to learn from the experience of the international community.

Recognizing that international migration law is an essential cornerstone of a state’s migration management framework, IOM undertakes training for state authorities, civil society and other stakeholders through its International Migration Law unit. Capacity building efforts in this area remain an important element of IOM support to partner governments in enhancing their knowledge on IML application in respective settings, given there is no “one size fits all” module.

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¹ Background: The EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility Support Project is a three-year action funded under the Partnership Instrument (PI) of the EU Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Labour Organization (ILO). PI is one of the instruments that enable the EU to take part in shaping global change and promote its core values. It has global reach with an emphasis on partner countries of strategic interest to the EU such as China.

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