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Learning is more than a class room

Finnish education and indoor air quality expertise deliver the best learning environments in the world

Finland is head of the class when it comes to excellence in education. The country is a forerunner in curriculum development, creating innovative and healthy learning environments and using new learning methods. Great study results are achieved in a well designed learning environment: functional infrastructure and a healthy environment. Finnish education and indoor air quality experts are present at the 2nd China-Finland Principals Forum on 8.-10.8.2016 in Tampere, Finland to discuss and present sustainable solutions for effective learning.

In Finland, education provides a solid base for the whole Innovation ecosystem of our country. We have compelling credentials in providing pedagogical expertise and technologies for learning, as well as solutions to improve the learning environment and conditions. For example, Finland is among the forerunners in the utilization of digitalization, a prime element of the future of education. This is a result of world-class teacher training, in-service training and continuously improving the professional skills of teachers. Pedagogical expertise together with well designed learning space and innovative use of technology produce the best learning environment. The Finnish learning environment is open, flexible and inspiring, and creates world-class learning results.

Healthy indoor air is a must in a learning environment

Rapid urbanization and population growth have brought air quality challenges into Chinese cities. Increasing public concern about environmental issues, e.g. air quality and its effects on health have been recognized and actions to improve the situation has already started. China's new Five Year Plan is emphasizing environmental matters - all major cities need to fulfill the air quality criteria 80% of their time. Environmental issues have increased their importance on China's government agenda during past years.

In China, 2016 is the first year of nationwide air quality standard enforcement. Next year, 2017 is the deadline to achieve targets from the Air Pollution Prevention and Control Action Plan, which calls for fine particle (PM 2.5) reductions of 25 %, 20 % and 15 % for the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, Yangtze River Delta and Pearl River Delta regions, respectively.

The particle reductions are needed (outdoors), but the faster way to improve learning environment is to improve indoor air quality. Good indoor air quality is a must to support healthy and effective learning environment. People spend 80-90 % of their time indoors. Improving the indoor air quality (IAQ) is considered

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to be one of the most efficient way to enhance people's health and wellbeing in terms of reducing human exposure to fine particles (PM 2.5).

Finnish education and cleantech experts can offer the whole infrastructure for creating a world-class learning environment: from innovative learning spaces to healthy indoor air and digital training environments.

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Beautiful Beijing is a Sino-Finnish government level program, where Finnish cleantech expertise is brought to China. Finnish companies are forerunners in the air quality solutions and systems. Investment for a healthy school environment is investing in future. Providing better air quality and a clean and healthy school environment will have an increasing effect on student wellbeing and performance. www.cleantechfinland.com

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