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- The Government of Kerala, one of the provinces in India requested APCTT to assist them in the technological upgradation of the Bamboo Corporation which employs more than 100,000 artisans and craftsmen mostly the women.
- A MoU was signed in December 1999 for upgradation of existing machinery and manufacture of new bamboo products.



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- The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India agreed to support the demonstration project and also setting up a training centre in Kerala to upgrade the skills and capabilities of entrepreneurs in bamboo sector.
- MOST, China also expressed their willingness to support this TCDC initiative.



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- A Tech Mission to China consisting of senior officials, experts and entrepreneurs from India was organized in May 2000. MOST, China coordinated the visits to the various provinces and bamboo clusters and also extended the host facilities to APCTT delegation.
- The mission identified suitable products and also selected the specific equipments/ machinery developed by the township enterprises and organizations which were innovative and cost effective. MOST, China also facilitated the export of the equipments locally manufactured.



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- The machinery/equipment were commissioned in the Bamboo Corporation, Kerala, India and an expert from China also provided the necessary hands-on training in May 2002 to manufacture products based on the equipments imported.
- These developments gained momentum and the Government of India has now set up a National Mission for Bamboo Applications (NMBA) with a project coordinator from DST and funding from the Planning Commission.



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- APCTT organized an entrepreneurs meet in Cochin, Kerala during May 2003 to promote commercialization of selected bamboo technologies in cooperation with NMBA.
- APCTT also arranged the visit of the programme coordinator, NMBA to China to study the bamboo cluster programmes and development of new industrial products.



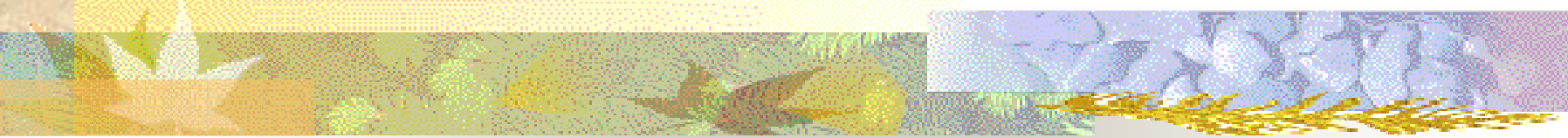
FOLLOW-UP INITIATIVES

- In view of the growth potential and opportunities existing for regional cooperation in bamboo sector, APCTT in cooperation with MOST, China organized a regional workshop cum expo on “Bamboo resources utilization” in Yiyang city, Hunan province, China during 8 – 10 September 2003. Experts from India, China, Malaysia and Philippines and the International Network for Bamboo and Ratan (INBAR) as well as entrepreneurs from these countries participated in the programme.



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- Technical Cooperation proposals were finalized and MoUs signed among promotional agencies and enterprises.
- APCTT also signed a MoU with the Yiyang Municipal People's Government of Hunan, China to establish an Asia Pacific Bamboo Network (APBN) to promote IT based technology transfer activities relating to bamboo sector. MOST, China has agreed to assist in this endeavour.



Thank you!