# Outline

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### **Current IPO Staff**

All four posts in the IPO currently filled:

- 1. Executive Director: Rüdiger Klein
- 2. Junior Science Officer: Kerry-Ann Morris
- 3. Administrative Officer: Lang Lang
- 4. Communications Officer: Charina Cabrido
- 5. Office Assistant: Jiqiang Wang (post originally called Executive Assistant)

# **Upcoming Staff Changes**

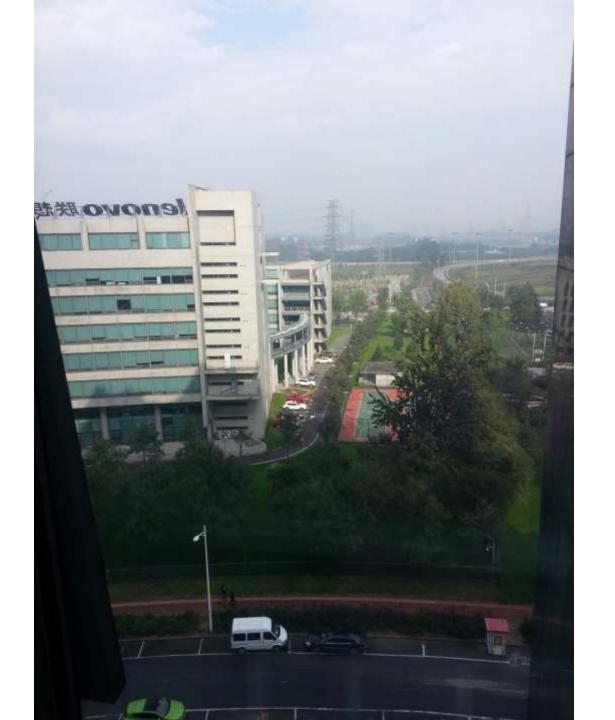
 Junior Science Officer's contract ends 6 Jan 2015

- all parties agreed to contract extension until31 July 2015
- will advertise the post widely beginning 5
   December 2014

# Some Staff Challenges

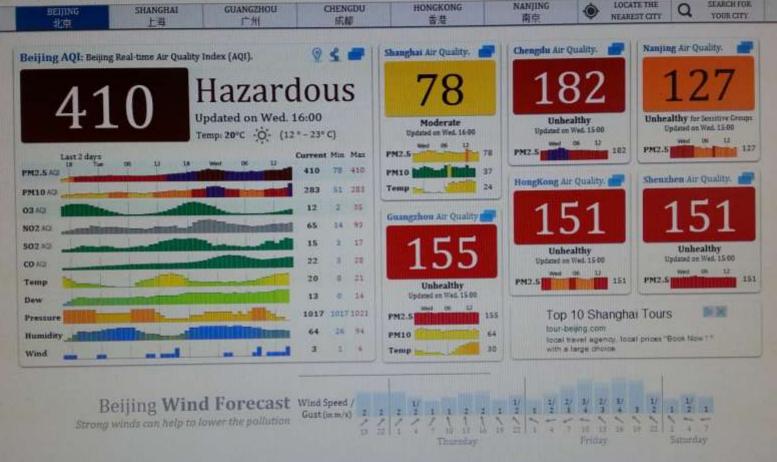
- Technology
  - Computers (replacement and maintenance)
  - Access to websites to assist communications strategy (eg. Twitter)

- Beijing "Airpocalypse"
  - Higher than normal air pollution levels during autumn due to factories working overtime before the APEC 2014 meeting, 8-10 Nov



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### Beijing Air Pollution: Real-time Air Quality Index (AQI)



#### Most Recent News

October 6th This 2014 international Better Air Quality Conference pre-program is now announced. Check out the program here.

July 28th The Android application has been updated, and comes with many new features. Check out the details or just download it.

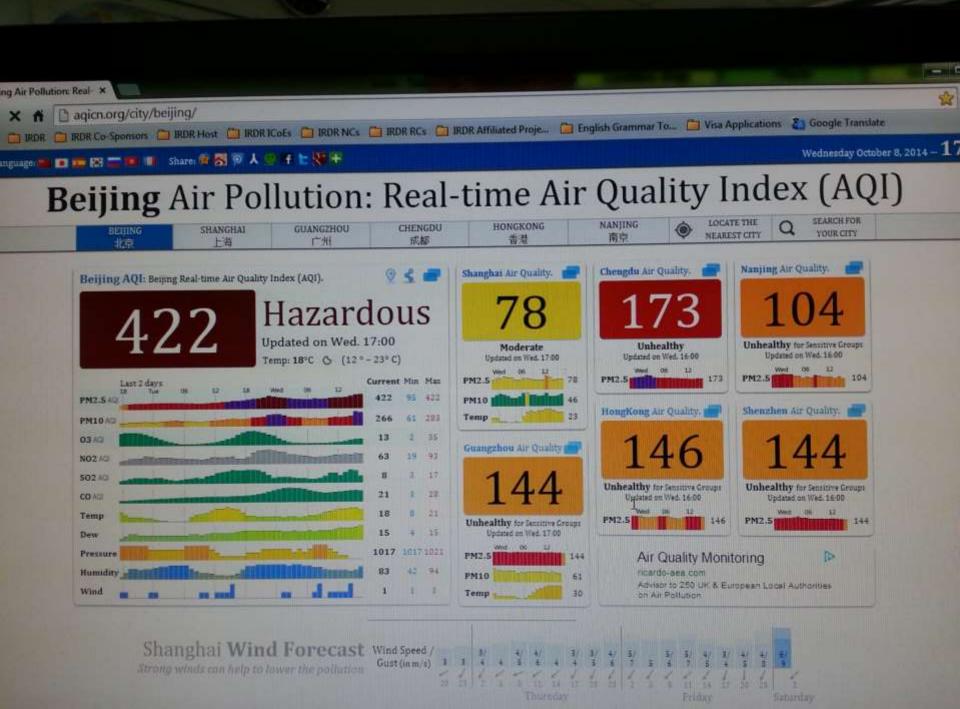
July 21th The Windows Mobile 8 phone application is now available for download from the Microsoft Store. Check out the details

view all the past news, or check the frequently asked questions













# About the Air Quality and Pollution Measurement:

The pollution indices and color codes available on this web site follow the EPA graduation, as defined by AirNow and explained in wikipedia.

AQI	Air Pollution Level	Health Implications
0 - 50	Good	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk
51 -100	Moderate	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
101-130	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
151-200	Unhealthy	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects
201-300	Very Unhealthy	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.
300+	Hazardous	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects

# "APEC Blue"

- "Airpocalypse" paused in time for APEC 2014 resulting in "APEC Blue" = clean air
- Chinese government ordered closed 100s of factories in and surrounding Beijing for 12 days from 1 November
- Restrictions on driving cars
- APEC holiday 7-12 November

# "APEC Blue"

 APEC acronym re-imagined to "Air Pollution Eventually Controlled"