Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development in China

Abstract
China faces daunting social and environmental challenges that come along with decades of rapid economic developments. Some Chinese corporations go beyond their essential economic functions and attempt to address social and environmental concerns through their corporate social responsibility (CSR) and sustainable development (SD) programs, while others are just start learning about these concepts, while still others totally ignore CSR and SD. As an economic superpower, China will have to wrestle with these changes and will have to heighten its CSR and SD. This research summarizes the current status of China’s CSR and SD. The information for the paper is based on existing literature and data and also based on the author’s interviews with Chinese companies on their initiatives (or the lack thereof) in the areas of CSR and SD.