

## Integral Conversation 2015 explores values-based sustainable living

*The Annual Conference brings sustainability experts and business leaders to Guilin from Nov. 5 to 7*

Hong Kong, 2 November 2015 – The Integral Conversation conference returns to Guilin to explore holistic approaches to sustainable development. This year's guests include international business leaders, distinguished policymakers and influential scholars who will consider how sustainability can be incorporated into daily life.

Established last year by Esquel Group, the leading global textile and apparel manufacturer, Integral Conversation provides a platform for high-level discussions on how economic progress can proceed in harmony with the environment and society. This year's conference will be held again in the scenic city of Guilin from November 5 to 7, 2015, with 'Sustainability and Living' as its main theme.

Through keynote speeches and panel discussions, experts from different areas will lead conversations around topics such as the roles of institutes in making an impact, values-based culture and education, sustainable apparel and fashion, farm-to-table food supply, urban planning and transport systems. Distinguished speakers include:

- *Marjorie Yang*, Chairman, Esquel Group
- *John Cheh*, Vice Chairman & CEO, Esquel Group
- *George Yeo*, Chairman of Kerry Logistics Network
- *Susan Rockefeller*, Documentary Filmmaker, Designer, Conservationist
- *David Rockefeller, Jr.*, Chair, The Rockefeller Foundation
- *Toby Usnik*, SVP, Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer, Regional Chairman's office, Christie's
- *Wong How Man*, Founder/President of the China Exploration & Research Society
- *Christoph Auhagen*, Chief Brand Officer, Hugo Boss
- *Zhang Yansheng*, Secretary-General, Academic Committee, National Development and Reform Commission, China

"The inaugural Integral Conversation last year shared a wealth of insights on balancing sustainability and economic development," said Ms. Marjorie Yang, chairman of Esquel Group. "The conference this year will center around how we can achieve sustainable living through our choices in clothing, food, mobility and urban lifestyles. We hope to inspire organizations, community leaders, policymakers and individuals to understand the values we hold most dear and to follow these in pursuit of a more sustainable future."





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### **About Esquel Group**

Founded in 1978, Esquel Group is a global textile and apparel manufacturer with a vertically-integrated supply chain that straddles from cotton to retailing. Esquel employs a 57,000 multinational workforce, with manufacturing facilities in China, Malaysia, Mauritius, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, and merchandising offices servicing markets worldwide. Esquel manufactures over 100 million pieces of garments annually for leading brands including Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger and Nike.

Long an advocate in innovation, environmental protection and corporate social responsibility, Esquel aspires to make a difference in the textile and apparel industry and contribute to the well-being of a wider community. For more information, please visit: [www.esquel.com](http://www.esquel.com)

### **About Integral Conversation**

The Integral Conversation conference brings together sustainability experts from a wide range of fields to explore a more holistic approach to development. The aim is to inspire enterprises, community leaders, policymakers and individuals to take action in harmony to balance all aspects of life. “Integral” refers to the Buddhist concept of “ten suchnesses” (“十如是”), meaning continuous pursuit of perfection.

The first Integral Conversation was successfully held on November 18-19, 2014 in Guilin, China, in an effort to explore the next development model for China and explore the possibilities of a system that can complement China’s economic advances while respecting people and the planet. This year the conference will centre around “Sustainability and Living” – to stimulate discussion on how we can incorporate sustainability into our lives so that we leave the world in better shape than today.

For more details, please click [Integral Conversation 2015](#).

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Zhang Yansheng, Secretary-General of Academic Committee at National Development and Reform Commission of China, hosted a session on “Sustainability and Industry: Current solutions and the future of industrial practices”, with guest speakers sharing valuable insights.

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Marjorie Yang, Chairman of Esquel Group, is a long-time advocate of sustainable development and a driving force behind Integral Conversation.



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