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Chinese PMG Manufacturers Draw Upon ICC-ES' Technical Expertise

ICC Evaluation Service ([ICC-ES](http://www.icc-es.org)) held a plumbing product certification seminar on March 16, 2012 for plumbing product manufacturers in Yuhuan, China. Zhejiang Province is a central location for plumbing product manufacturers with specialties ranging from piping and fittings to valves and fixtures.

Qiaoli Meng, ICC-ES Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas ([PMG](http://www.icc-es.org)) product certification engineer, presented the seminar. The event drew more than 50 attendees representing more than 40 local manufacturers from Zhejiang Province.

“These manufacturers are extremely interested in learning how the ICC-ES PMG Listing Program can help them introduce their products to the North American markets,” said Meng. “They were very responsive to the presentation and the ICC-ES program,” he added.

During the presentation, Meng illustrated the certification needs of the North American market for plumbing products, the certification process to the widely adopted *International Plumbing Code*[®] ([IPC](http://www.icc-es.org)[®]), requirements of [NSF/ANSI Standard 61](http://www.icc-es.org), U.S. low-lead legislation and the EPA's [WaterSense](http://www.icc-es.org) requirements.

The audience showed enthusiasm for the program as ICC-ES' policy allows manufacturers to use [CNAS](http://www.icc-es.org) accredited laboratories for product testing. Many manufacturers expressed interest in this option, which gives them multiple choices for their testing needs.

Other topics included an explanation of the factory inspection scope and common problems found in Chinese manufacturing plants. Meng also emphasized that ICC-ES conducts stringent factory inspections to ensure the quality of its PMG Certification Program. The ICC-ES PMG team has numerous events scheduled in China in the coming months, which will continue to strengthen its relationships with manufacturers in China. [Click here](http://www.icc-es.org) to view photos from the seminar. For more information, please contact ICC-ES at 1-800-423-6587 ext. 7643, or by e-mail at espmg@icc-es.org.

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