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**Press Release**

**Minister of Finance Visited Better Place while Official Recognition was Awarded  
by Chinese and French Official State Institutions**

Minister of Finance **Dr. Yuval Steinitz** this morning conducted a working tour at Better Place's visitor center at Pi Glilot. The minister was joined on the tour by his deputy, Knesset Member **Rabbi Yitzhak Cohen**, and by the Ministry of Finance Director General **Mr. Haim Shani**.

The ministry's top brass were hosted by **Mr. Shai Agassi**, founder and international CEO of Better Place, and by the company's Israeli CEO, **General (res.) Moshe Kaplinsky**.

Minister of Finance **Dr. Yuval Steinitz** said during the visit: "We are pleased to be here. We wanted very much to come sooner, and it's good that the visit has coincided with the decision by the Chinese government and the French parliament to recognize the Better Place model. The company is a model of Israeli entrepreneurship, daring and original thinking. This is what characterizes the Israeli economy, in general, and this company, in particular. The idea of significantly reducing the dependence on oil is highly important for the near and distant future, apart from which the company is a quality ambassador for Israel's image throughout the world.

Ministry of Finance Director General **Haim Shani** noted that "the visit to Better Place was enlightening. It is gratifying to see an international Israeli company that is among the world leaders in its field. Better Place's activity is welcome, especially in these days when we are considering solutions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions."

Enclosed for your use are photographs from the visit:



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