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In recent years, thanks to the Belt and Road Initiative, the S&T cooperation between China and countries along the Belt and Road has made its voice heard. For pushing forward the initiative, the golden principle is openness, inclusiveness, consultation, contribution and shared benefits. It is our hope that we find projects of common interest and integrate each other's strengths, so as to make the bilateral and multilateral whole-chain STI cooperation more smooth and complete. In this issue, we summarized the recent international exchange and cooperation activities in the field of science, technology and innovation.

1. 2nd BRICS WG-STIEP Meeting Held in Kunming

On September 10, 2018, the Second meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Science, Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Partnership (BRICS WG-STIEP) was held in Kunming. Official representatives and experts from the competent departments of science, technology and innovation of the BRICS countries attended the meeting. Deputy Director General Chen Linhao of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Technology chaired and addressed the meeting.

After the meeting, the BRICS Technology Transfer Center was unveiled by representatives of the five countries. In the future, under the guidance of the BRICS WG-STIEP, the Centre will devote itself to promoting technology transfer and innovation cooperation among BRICS countries in a pragmatic manner and achieving wide and orderly transfer and transformation of innovation achievements among the BRICS countries.

(Source: MOST, October 11, 2018)

2. 15th China-ASEAN Expo Held in Nanning

On September 12, 2018, the 15th China-ASEAN Expo was held in Nanning, Guangxi. Vice Minister of Science and Technology Zhang Jianguo attended the opening ceremony of the Expo. Under the joint witness of Chinese Vice Premier Han Zheng and leaders of ASEAN countries, Vice Minister Zhang Jianguo launched the Young ASEAN Scientist Innovation China Tour Project with Thai Minister of Science and Technology Suvit Maesincee, Lao Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Houmphanh Intharath, Undersecretary of the Philippine Department of Science and Technology Rowena Guevara, Myanmar Deputy Minister of Education U Win Maw Tun and Cambodian Deputy Secretary of State of the Ministry of Industry and Handicraft Tung Ciny.

The Innovation Tour in China for Young ASEAN Scientists was an important part of China-ASEAN cooperation in science, technology and innovation (STI). Young scientists from ASEAN countries made field visits to universities, research institutions, enterprises and science parks in China, with a view to promoting people-to-people exchanges in science and technology and laying foundation for pushing forward cooperation in STI between China and ASEAN countries.

(Source: MOST, September 20, 2018)

3. 1st China-South Africa Joint Research Center for Mineral Resources Unveiled

On September 14, 2018, Xu Nanping, Vice Minister of Science and Technology of China, and Phil Mjwara, Director General of the Department of Science and Technology of South Africa jointly unveiled the plate of China-South Africa Joint Research Center for the Development and Utilization of Mineral Resources at South African National Institute of Mining Technology in Johannesburg. Li Song, Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in South Africa, and representatives of the science, technology and industry communities in China and South Africa attended the ceremony.

During his visit to South Africa, Vice Minister Xu Nanping also signed with Director General Phil Mjwara an MOU between the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Department of Science and Technology on jointly building China-South Africa research center in forestry. He visited HIKVISION Africa Science and Technology Industrial Park, the University of Johannesburg, the South Africa SKA Office and other agencies and promoted China-South Africa cooperation in science, technology and innovation.

(Source: MOST, October 10, 2018)

4. China-Latvia Agreement on Intergovernmental Science and Technology Cooperation Signed

Under the witness of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Latvian President Raimonds Vējonise, Chinese Minister of Science and Technology Wang Zhigang and Latvian Ambassador to China Māris Selga signed on September 18, 2018 *the Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Latvia*.

According to the Agreement, China and Latvia will establish an Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology Cooperation and hold regular bilateral meetings to exchange ideas on research and technology cooperation between the two sides. Both countries will be committed to promoting research institutions, universities and enterprises of the two countries to organize and participate in bilateral scientific conferences and exhibitions, facilitate personnel exchanges and technology research in priority areas determined by both countries, and build joint laboratories or joint research centers.

(Source: MOST, October 10, 2018)

5. 2nd China-Russia Innovation Dialogue Held in Moscow

On October 16, the 2nd China-Russia Innovation Dialogue co-sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and the Russian Ministry of Economic Development took place at the Skolkovo Innovation Center in Moscow. Zhang Jianguo, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Administrator of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, and Sergey Gorkov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of Russia, attended the opening ceremony of the plenary session of the innovation dialogue.

Nearly 100 representatives from central and local governments, universities, research institutes, high-tech parks, industrial alliances, investment institutions, technology transfer agencies and innovative enterprises in China and Russia discussed issues such as China-Russia technology innovation strategy and policy, China-Russia innovation cooperation, innovative industrial cluster policy and science and technology financing and shared ideas and suggestions for promoting China-Russia innovation cooperation and common development.

The two sides signed and issued *the Joint Declaration of the Second China-Russia Innovation Dialogue* and determined *the 2019-2024 China-Russia Innovation Cooperation Work Plan (Roadmap).*

(Source: MOST, October 26, 2018)

6. 1st Meeting of China-Cyprus Joint Committee on S&T Cooperation Held in Beijing

On October 19, the 1st meeting of China-Cyprus Joint Committee on S&T Cooperation was held in Beijing. The meeting was co-chaired by Zhang Jianguo, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Administrator of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs and Permanent Secretary of Cyprus Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

Both sides confirmed the significance of the meeting and believed that this represents a specific act to implement the inter-governmental STI cooperation agreement signed in 2015 and establish the mechanism for STI cooperation. Having exchanged information about each other's STI development, both sides recognized the high complementarity in ocean studies, energy and science park and the possibility for greater exchange and cooperation in the future. In-depth exchanges have been conducted in areas of joint funding of inter-governmental research projects and personnel exchange. Both sides shared the will to establish friendly ties featuring mutual benefit and win-win outcomes between our universities, research institutes and enterprises.

After the meeting, both sides signed the minutes of the meeting.

(Source: MOST, October 29, 2018)

(Source: MOST, October 30, 2018)

7. Final of SCO Member States Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition Held in Qingdao

From October 22 to 24, the Final of the SCO Member States Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition was held in Qingdao. The event was sponsored by the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Technology and supported and organized jointly by Torch High Technology Industry Development Center, SCO Secretariat, Qingdao People's government, Qingdao S&T Bureau and Qingdao Shinan District government.

The competition consisted of various items, including innovation and entrepreneurship training camp, opening ceremony, roadshow of the projects in the final, lecture on technology transfer and collaborative innovation, workshop attended by investors and site visits to hi-tech zones. Nearly 600 attendees participated in the event. They were representatives from government, SCO Secretariat, Embassies of SCO member states, teams of the competition, research institutes, universities, enterprises and the media, experts in innovation and entrepreneurship and well-known investors at home and abroad.

This competition has laid a solid foundation for STI cooperation between SCO member states. All sides hoped that the event will help further integrate resources and ideas concerning innovation and entrepreneurship and share the fruitful outcomes of innovation and entrepreneurship.

8. 1st China-Canada Innovation Dialogue Held in Beijing

On October 29, 2018, the 1st China-Canada Innovation Dialogue was convened in Beijing. The event was co-chaired by Zhang Jianguo, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) and Administrator of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs, and David McGovern, Associate Deputy Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development of Canada.

At the dialogue, Chinese and Canadian representatives gave speeches on national innovation strategies of China and Canada, innovation eco-system development, cluster innovation development and green economy commercialization. They had enthusiastic discussions on other issues of mutual interest such as policy and practices of attracting innovation talent and developing green technology banks. The two sides affirmed the significance of the China-Canada Innovation Dialogue for strengthening the bilateral strategy and policy exchange, sharing best practices, and reaching agreement. The two sides expressed willingness to improve the mechanism of the Innovation Dialogue so that they can strengthen communication and better learn from each other to create a favorable environment for practical bilateral cooperation.

The event was attended by more than 40 representatives from Chinese and Canadian governmental authorities, think tanks, universities, research institutes and enterprises.

(Source: MOST, November 5, 2018)

9. 2018 Pujiang Innovation Forum held in Shanghai

On October 30, the 2018 Pujiang Innovation Forum was held in Shanghai. The forum was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology and Shanghai People's Government. The theme was "Innovation-driven Development and Supply-side Structural Reform in a New Age". At its tenth anniversary, the forum is still committed to establishing a platform of exchange, dissemination, interaction, dialogue and cooperation for various kinds of players in the field of innovation.

Minister Wang Zhigang said in the keynote speech that the ongoing new round of scientific revolution and industrial transformation are accelerating the restructuring of global industrial value chain and transition of economic pattern. Technological innovation supply is the sufficient condition of emerging industry development, while the restructuring of industrial eco-system resulting from competition is the necessary condition of emerging industry development.

During the forum, there are various activities being held, including the plenary session, four special forums and 11 parallel sessions concerning entrepreneurs, regional development, finance, policy, industry, future science and culture.

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