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PART I

Major Events at NSFC in 2010

January

Jan. 20 President Chen Yiyu presided over the annual work report meeting and delivered a wrap-up report on NSFC's performance in 2009. Participants in the meeting include representatives from the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, all NSFC Vice Presidents, Chiefs of NSFC Departments and Bureaus, and representatives of retired NSFC staff.

Jan. 22 President Chen Yiyu attended the NSFC management training meeting and gave a pep talk. The meeting was chaired by Vice President He Minghong. All NSFC staff including rotating program managers, chiefs of NSFC affiliated departments participated in the meeting.

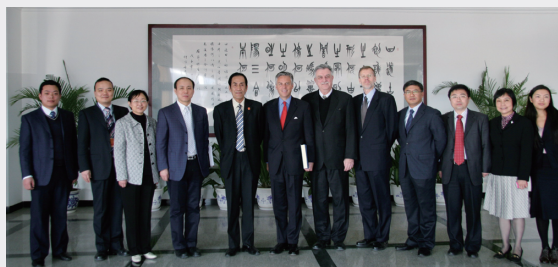
Jan. 25 Vice President Wang Jie attended the kick-off meeting of the NSFC-IIASA Joint Research Project of "Impact of Global Climate Change and High Intensity Human Activities on China's Agro-ecosystem and Its Bearing Capacity".



V.P. Wang Jie at the Kick-off Meeting of the NSFC-IIASA Joint Research Project.

Jan. 26 President Chen Yiyu met with Mr. Jon M. Huntsman, the new US Ambassador to China. During the meeting, President Chen briefed the collaboration between NSFC and NSF, and expressed his hope to further improve China-US S&T relationship in Mr. Huntsman's tenure. Mr. Huntsman said that he was pleased to note that China-US S&T collaboration had made

great contributions to the bilateral relations and expressed his wish to further promote the cooperation between NSF and NSFC.



President Chen Yiyu met with Mr. Jon M. Huntsman.

February

Feb. 10, 20 Vice President Sun Jiaguang attended the 5th and 6th sessions of the working group of the Outline of the National Program for Medium and Long-Term Educational Reform and Development, chaired by State Councilor Liu Yandong.

Feb. 17-20 President Chen Yiyu accepted the 2009 WWF (World Wildlife Fund) Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Medal at the Buckingham Palace in London, UK. Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip awarded the certificate and gold medal to Prof. Chen in recognition of his endeavor in environmental conservation.



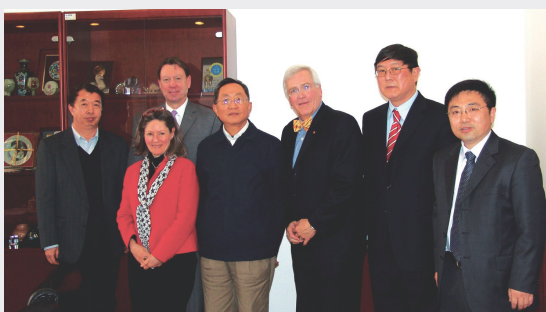
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March

Mar. 15 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation led by Jin Nuo, Vice Chairman of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Vice Presidents Sun Jiaguang and He Minghong also

attended the meeting.

Mar. 17 Vice President Sun Jiaguang received the delegation led by Stanford University Library Curator Michael A. Keller. Both sides exchanged views on the construction of review expert database, the development and application of semantic technologies as well as other related issues.



V.P. Sun Jiaguang met with the delegation from Stanford University.

Mar. 21 Vice President Sun Jiaguang attended the China-UK Workshop on Peer Review jointly organized by NSFC and the Research Councils of UK (RCUK) Beijing Office.

Mar. 23 The 3rd Plenary Session of the 6th General Assembly of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) was held in Beijing. President Chen Yiyu delivered a working report under the title of "Striving for Substantial Contribution to China's Sustainable Development by Adhering to Strategic Guidance and Encouraging Indigenous Innovation". Prof. Zhu Daoben, Chairman of NSFC Supervision Committee presented the working report on behalf of NSFC Supervision Committee. Xu Qin, Director-General of the Department of High-Tech Industry of the National Development and Reform Commission, and Song Qiuling, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Education, Science and Culture of the Ministry of Finance attended the meeting and delivered speeches. Participants in the meeting also included all members of NSFC Supervision Committee, representatives from the General Office of the State Council, State Commission Office for

Public Sector Reform, Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council, Research Office of the State Council, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Association for Science and Technology, etc. Vice Presidents Wang Jie and Shen Wenqing chaired the opening ceremony and the closing ceremony of the meeting respectively.



The 3rd Plenary Session of the 6th National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) General Assembly held in Beijing.

April

Apr. 6 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with the delegation led by Mr. Akira Takamatsu, Executive Director of Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). During the meeting, V.P. Shen briefed the collaboration between NSFC and JST since 2002 and expressed his wish to extend the cooperation to broader areas in a near future. Mr. Takamatsu expressed his sincere thanks to Prof. Shen for receiving the delegation and mentioned that JST would like to explore more opportunities for the cooperation with NSFC.



V.P. Shen Wenqing met with Mr. Akira Takamatsu.

Apr. 8 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation

led by Meng Deli, Vice Chairman of the Tibet Autonomous Region. Vice Presidents Sun Jiaguang attended the meeting.



President Chen Yiyu met with the Tibet Autonomous Region delegation.

Apr. 29 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with Mr. Masaharu Nakagawa, Senior Vice Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan.

May

May 18 The Kick-off Meeting for the International Evaluation of NSFC's Funding and Management Performance was jointly held in Beijing by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and the Ministry of Finance, P. R. China. President Chen Yiyu, Head of the Steering Committee for the International Evaluation of NSFC Funding and Management Performance, delivered a speech under the title of "Expedite the Sound and Fast Development of the National Natural Science Fund through Scientific Performance Evaluation and Optimized Management". Prof. Han Qide, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, President of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and Vice Chairman of the Experts Committee for International Evaluation of NSFC Funding and Management Performance, and Mr. Hu Jinglin, Assistant to the Minister of the Ministry of Finance, attended the meeting and delivered speeches respectively. Apart from NSFC staff, participants in the meeting also included representatives from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of

Agriculture, Ministry of Health, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Engineering, CAST, research institutions and universities. The meeting was chaired by NSFC Vice President Sun Jiaguang.



The kick-off meeting for the international evaluation of NSFC's funding and management performance held in Beijing.

May 18-21 Vice President Shen Wenqing attended the 14th Meeting of the China-Korea Joint Committee for Basic Scientific Research in Suzhou.

May 24 President Chen Yiyu attended the celebration ceremony of the return of research vessel Shiyuan No.3, or Experiment No.3, of South China Sea Institute of Oceanology (SCSIO) after fulfilling its mission of the 2010 multi-disciplinary cruise, supported by NSFC, in the South China Sea.

May 26-Jun. 4 The NSFC delegation led by Vice President Sun Jiaguang paid working visits to Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH).

June

Jun. 4-5 Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of NSFC Tianyuan Funds for Mathematical Research, and the Workshop on Strategies for the Development of China's Mathematical Science, were held in Beijing. President Chen Yiyu attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech. Vice Presidents Wang Jie and Shen Wenqing attended the celebration.

Jun. 8-9 President Chen Yiyu, Vice Presidents Shen Wenqing and Sun Jiaguang met respectively with Prof. Richard N. Zare, Chairman of the Experts Committee of the International Evaluation of NSFC's Funding and Management Performance.

Jun 14-15 Vice President Wang Jie attended the 76th IASA Council Meeting held in Vienna, Austria.



V.P. Wang Jie at the 76th IASA council meeting.

Jun. 18 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with the delegation led by Prof. Frederick Dylla, CEO of the American Institute of Physics (AIP)

Jun. 22 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with the delegation led by Dr. William Brinkman, Director of Office of Science, U. S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Jun. 27-Jul. 5 The NSFC delegation of supervision and auditing for science funding, led by Vice President He Minghong, paid visits to the National Research Agency (ANR) and the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) in France, and the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) and the Royal Society (RS) in the UK.



V.P. He Minghong visited the National Research Agency (ANR).

July

Jul. 16 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation led by Hao Yuan, Vice Governor of Gansu Province.

Jul. 27 Vice President He Minghong met with Mr. Jean-Pierre Alix, advisor to Chairman of CNRS, France. At the invitation of Vice President He, Mr. Alix delivered a lecture titled “How to Improve a Research Integrity System” at NSFC.

August

Aug. 16 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with the delegation led by Ms. Pamela K. Anderson, Director of the International Potato Center (CIP).

Aug. 25-Sept. 4 Vice President Shen Wenqing visited Finland, the Netherlands and Germany at the invitation of the Academy of Finland (AF), the Netherlands Research Organization (NWO) and the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Aug. 30 Vice President He Minghong attended the NSFC-JST workshop on “Energy Recycling Technology for Waste and Exhaust Heat” held in Beijing and delivered opening remarks.

Aug. 30-31 President Chen Yiyu visited the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region for an investigation on S&T Aid to Xinjiang, and attended the 3rd National Working Conference on S&T Aid to Xinjiang held in Urumqi by the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Education.

September

Sept. 9 President Chen Yiyu met with an eight-member delegation from K.T. Li Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Taiwan, led by Prof. Zhang Wenchang.

Sept. 15-17 President Chen Yiyu attended the 8th A-HORCs Meeting and delivered a speech at the 2010 Northeastern Asian Symposium on the Next Generation Network and Network Security held

in Xi'an. The symposium was jointly organized by the National Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). JSPS President Motoyuki Ono and NRF Director General Kyuhan Bae and their delegations attended the meeting and the symposium.

Sept. 17 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with Prof. Klaus Bock, President of Denmark National Research Foundation (DNRF) and Prof. Thomas Sinkjr, Director of DNRF.

Sept. 22-Oct. 3 Vice President Shen Yan led an NSFC delegation for a visit to Brazil, Cuba and Canada. During his stay in Canada, V. P. Shen attended the NSFC-CIHR Workshop on Frontiers in Biomedical Research and signed, on behalf of NSFC, the Memorandum of Understanding between the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) on Scientific Cooperation.



V.P. Shen Yan visited CNPq in Brazil.

Sept. 23-28 Vice President Sun Jiaguang led a delegation for a visit to Hong Kong and Macao. During his stay in Hong Kong, Vice President Sun attended the Joint Panel Review Meeting jointly held by NSFC and the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (RGC). He also paid visits to Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Macao, and Macau University of Science and Technology.

Sept. 30 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation led by Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research

Council of Canada (NSERC).

Sept. 30 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation led by Albert van Jaarsveld, President of the National Research Foundation of South Africa. During the meeting chaired by Vice President Shen Wenqing, both parties reached agreement on the text of NSFC-NRF MoU on cooperation.



President Chen Yiyu met with Albert van Jaarsveld.

October

Oct. 8 Vice President Wang Jie was present and delivered an opening speech at the Workshop on the Motivation for Global Transformation jointly organized by NSFC and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

Oct. 13 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with Lord David Wilson, President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Oct. 14 President Chen Yiyu met with Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Beijing and signed the MoU on cooperation in medical research between the two agencies.

Oct. 18-21 Vice President Shen Yan led a NSFC delegation to attend the 2010 Workshop on Developmental Health and Diseases Research held in the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Oct. 19 President Chen Yiyu, Vice Presidents Wang Jie, Shen Wenqing, Sun Jiaguang, He Minghong and Deputy Secretary General Gao

Ruiping attended the celebration ceremony of the 10th anniversary of the Sino-German Center for Research Promotion and the "Strategic Workshop on Sino-German Cooperation". Prof. Lu Yongxiang, Vice-chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee and President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, DFG President Matthias Kleiner, German Ambassador Dr. Michael Schaefer and around 240 guests from Chinese and German scientific communities attended the celebration activities.

Oct. 31 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with Dr. Timothy Hallman, Associate Director of Science for Nuclear Physics, U.S. Department of Energy.

November

Nov. 5 President Chen Yiyu was present and delivered opening remarks at the signing ceremony of the Agreement between NSFC and Shenhua Group Corporation Limited on the Establishment of Joint Funds for Coal Development and Utilization Research. The ceremony was chaired by Vice President Sun Jiaguang, with the participation of Vice President Yao Jiannian and Deputy Secretary General Gao Ruiping.



Signing ceremony of the NSFC-Shenhua Group Agreement.

Nov. 7-11 Vice President Wang Jie attended the Council Meeting of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) held in Austria.

Nov. 8 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation led by Prof. Zhou Ji, President of the

Chinese Academy of Engineering. Vice Presidents Sun Jianguang, He Minghong and Deputy Secretary General Gao Ruiping also attended the meeting.

Nov. 11 President Chen Yiyu and Mr. Achim Steiner, Deputy Secretary General of UN and Executive Director of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), signed the Memorandum of Understanding between NSFC and UNEP in Beijing.

Nov. 23 President Chen Yiyu met with the delegation led by Jin Nuo, Vice Chairman of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. Vice President Sun Jianguang and Deputy Secretary General Gao Ruiping were also present at the meeting.

December

Dec. 7 Vice President Shen Wenqing met with the delegation led by Prof. Paul Boyle, Chief Executive of the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

Dec. 16 State Councilor Liu Yandong met with all members of the Experts Committee of the International Evaluation on NSFC's Funding and Management Performance. NSFC President Chen Yiyu and Vice President Sun Jianguang attended the meeting.