## The First Sino-Thailand Joint Workshop for Natural Products and Drug Discovery Held in Chengdu



The First Sino-Thailand Joint Workshop for Natural Products and Drug Discovery was successfully held in Chengdu from September 16 to 19, 2008. This is the first workshop jointly organized by NSFC and Thailand Research Fund (TRF) under the MOU between the two funding agencies. During the meeting, 30 distinguished scientists from both countries reached several agreements on further cooperation through idea exchange and discussion session. Dr. Piyawat Boon-long, Director General of TRF delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. Prof. Lin Guoqiang and Prof. Chen Yongjun, Director and Deputy Director General of NSFC Department of Chemical Sciences, Prof. Chang Qing, Deputy Director of Bureau of International Cooperation, attended the meeting.

The workshop was hosted by Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences. Arranged by the local organizer, the Thai delegation also paid a visit to Di'ao Pharmaceutical Company, Chengdu Institute of Biology, CAS and Sichuan Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

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