

## Seminar on Biodiversity of Both Sides of the Strait Held in Kunming



In order to prepare for funding cooperative research in biodiversity between researchers on both side of the Strait in 2010, the Seminar on Biodiversity of Both Sides of the Strait was held in Kunming from May 19 to 20. This seminar was sponsored by NSFC and K. T. Li Foundation for S&T Development of Taiwan. The Department of Life Sciences of NSFC recommended about 20 experts in mainland China and K. T. Li Foundation sent 22 experts to attend the seminar.

During the meeting, 40 experts from both sides of the Strait reported their research work and the latest progress. They conducted in-depth exchanges and proposed future cooperation. Through heated discussions and based on principles of seeking truth and mutual respect, they formulated specific scientific topics for cooperation in biodiversity in 2010, which will be the basis of the guide to applications for cooperative research jointly funded by the two funding agencies.

Vice president of NSFC Academician Shen Yan, executive deputy director of the Department of Life Sciences Du Shengming, Director General of the Bureau of International Cooperation Han Jianguo, and Director of the Office for Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Affairs Bai Ge of NSFC attended the meeting. Former Vice President of NSFC Academician Zhu Zuoyan and director of Kunming Institute of Zoology Academician Zhang Yaping also attended the meeting as experts.

Experts from Taiwan visited Kunming Institute of Zoology of CAS, Kunming Institute of Botany, Chengjiang Station of Paleontology during the meeting.