

NSFC President Visits South Africa

Invited by Dr. Albert S. van Jaarsveld, President and CEO of the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa, Prof. Chen Yiyu paid an official visit to South Africa from September 8 to 12, 2009. The delegation was cordially received by Dr. Albert S. van Jaarsveld. Both sides introduced general information about the present situation of development, funding mechanism, strategic planning and international cooperation of their own organizations. As a concrete result of the visit, both sides decided to establish formal bilateral cooperative relationship soon to support jointly the cooperation between scientists of the two countries in mutually interested strategic and priority areas.



The delegation also visited the University of Pretoria and the University of Cape Town.

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Evaluation Results for Applications to the National Natural Science Fund Programs in 2009 Released

—17 858 proposals approved, 72 964 declined

During the concentrated application acceptance period for 2009, NSFC received 93 893 proposals. According to stipulations of the “Regulations of National Natural Science Fund” and results of expert evaluation, NSFC decided to support 17 858 projects, and decline 72 964 proposals. The rest proposals are still in the review process.

Results of the evaluation have sent to relevant host institutions through letters. The notification of approved proposals, notifications of declined proposals and expert review recommendations will be sent to the applicant by e-mail. Managers of research in host institutions may find them on the internet at NSFC's project management information system at <https://isis.nsfc.gov.cn>.