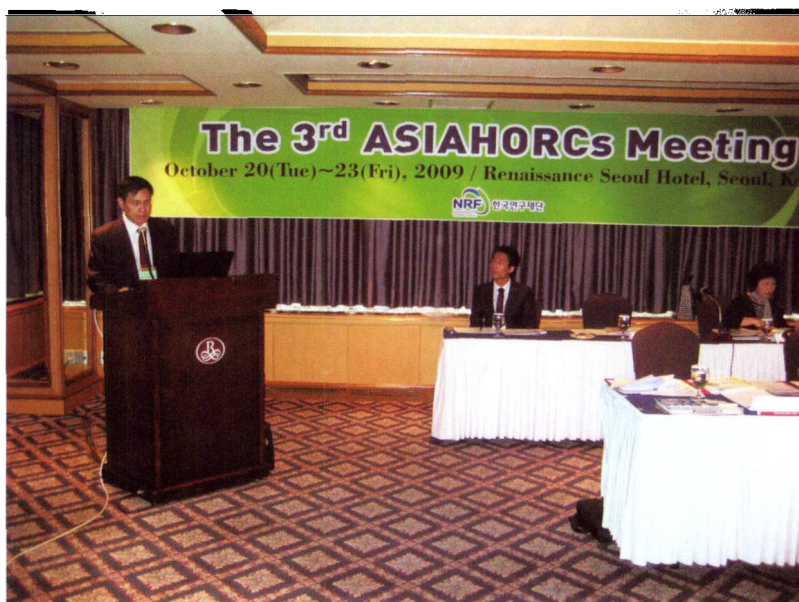


NSFC Vice President Attended the 3rd ASIAHORCs Meeting



The 3rd meeting of the Asian Heads of Research Council was held from October 20 to 23, 2009 in Seoul, Korea. At the invitation of the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), Prof He Minghong, Vice President of NSFC and Prof. Chang Qing, Deputy Director General of the Bureau of International Cooperation attended the meeting.

Representatives from eight member countries of the ASIAHORCs attended the meeting, including the President of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), President of the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), vice Chair-

man of Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), Deputy Vice-Chancellors' Council of University Sains Malaysia (USM), Assistant Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Acting Secretary General of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) and Director General of the International Cooperation of Vietnamese Academy of Science and Technology (VAST).

The theme of the meeting focuses on human resources development. All representatives gave their presentations and shared information and views on the current situations of human resources development and higher education in their respective countries. Prof. He delivered his speech entitled "NSFC Strategy for Identifying and Foresting Research Talent".

A keynote speech entitled "New Directions for Higher Education in the 21st Century" was given by Dr. Young-Gil Kim, President of Handong Global University, Korea.

The draft visions and logo designs of the ASIAHORCs presented by NRF based on the proposals from all member states, as well as the membership, the venue and date of the next meeting were discussed and voted. During the meeting, JSPS presented its report on the 1st ASIAHORCs joint symposium held in 2009. It was agreed that the 4th ASIAHORCs meeting will be held in November, 2010 in Malaysia.