

10th Anniversary of the Sino-German Center Celebrated



Prof. Lu Yongxiang, Vice Chairman of the National People's Congress, gives remarks at the celebration.

Celebration for the tenth anniversary of the Sino-German Center for Research Promotion (the Sino-German Center) and “Strategic Workshop on Sino-German Cooperation” were jointly held by NSFC and DFG in Beijing on October 19, 2010. Prof. Lu Yongxiang, Vice-chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee and President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, NSFC President Chen Yiyu, DFG President Matthias Kleiner, German Ambassador Dr. Michael Schaefer and about 240 guests from Chinese and German scientific communities attended the celebration at the Sino-German Center. On the Strategic Workshop, which is one of the celebration activities, over 30 active participants of Sino-German scientific cooperation who had achieved great results reviewed the successful experience in the past decade and discussed the prospect for Sino-German cooperation in the next ten years. They also gave suggestions for Sino-German scientific cooperation in the next decade at strategic and policy level.

Sino-German Center is a funding organization jointly established by NSFC and DFG with the mission of promoting and facilitating cooperation and exchange between China and Germany in the field of basic research. On November 13, 1995, NSFC and DFG signed the preparatory agreement on the establishment of the Sino-German Center. Premiers of both countries attended the signing ceremony. The building of Sino-German Center was completed and officially put to use on October 19, 2000.



Prof. Chen Yiyu, President of NSFC, gives remarks at the celebration.



Prof. Matthias Kleiner, President of DFG, gives remarks at the celebration.



Celebration site

In the past ten years, NSFC and DFG allocated up to 300 million RMB to the Sino-German Center. Through various funding and activities, the Center pushed forward cooperation and exchange between Chinese and German scientists, especially young scientists. With funding from the Sino-German Center, 14 000 scientists in China and Germany carried out joint research and exchange programs and made remarkable achievements. The distinctive management, impartial review mechanism, and highly efficient operation of the Sino-German Center have been very popular among Chinese and German scientists. The Center has become a solid bridge for Sino-German science cooperation.

NSFC has been attaching great importance to international cooperation since its founding in 1986 and has established partnership with 71 foreign scientific funding organizations and international organizations. Over 30 000 joint research programs, workshops and personnel exchange programs have been supported with a total funding of 1.56 billion RMB, representing NSFC's contribution to China's international cooperation in science and technology.

With the vision and the needs for future development, NSFC has proposed a strategic policy of "emphasizing more on basic science, more on frontier research and more on talent training" in the future. NSFC will follow the development trend of basic research, push forward substantial international cooperation and exchange, improve the quality of strategic international cooperation, encourage more Chinese scientists to participate in international joint research and exchange, advance cooperation with foreign funding organizations, and strive to make bigger contribution to basic research, to the building of China into an innovative country and to the progress of science and technology.