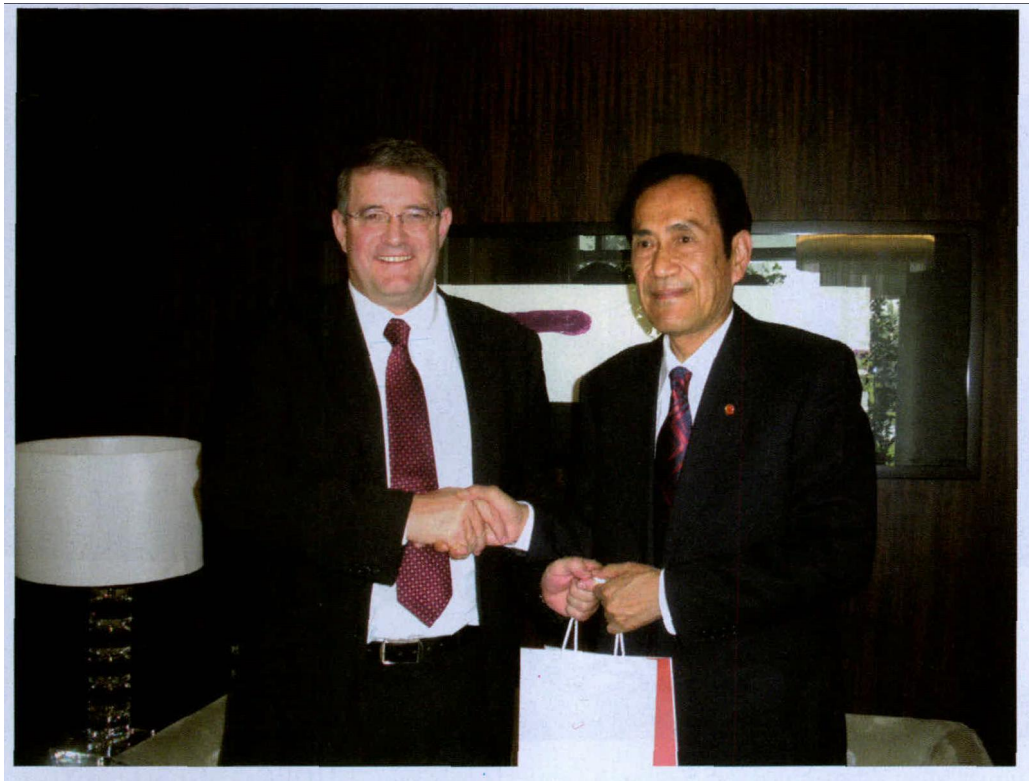


Prof. Chen Yiyu, NSFC President Meets with NRF President, South Africa



Prof. Chen Yiyu, President of NSFC met with and held a dinner for a delegation led by Dr. Albert van Jaasveld, President of National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF) on September 30, 2010. It was a reciprocal visit at the invitation of President Chen Yiyu who visited South Africa in 2009. The major goal was to discuss on the text of the MOU and push ahead bilateral collaboration in a comprehensive way.

Vice President Shen Wenqing chaired the meeting with NRF and extended welcome to Dr. Albert van Jaasveld who expressed appreciation for the meetings and introduced about the development of NRF. Prof. Chang Qing, Deputy Director General, Bureau of International Cooperation and Dr. Dorsamy Gansen Pillay, Vice President of NRF briefed about the status of funding and international cooperation of each agency. The two sides reached consensus on the text of the MOU on the basis of amicable negotiation. Vice President Shen Wenqing and Dr. Albert van Jaasveld signed minutes of the meeting on behalf of respective agencies, which stated that the two sides would sign the MOU by mail by the end of November 2010 after internal approval procedure. Prof. Ji Peiwen, Prof. Chai Yucheng, Prof. Feng Feng and staff from Division of Asia and Africa were also present at the meeting.