

The 9th ASIAHORCs Meeting Held in Daejeon, Korea



The Ninth Meeting of Heads of Research Councils in Asia Heads of Research Councils was held in Daejeon, Korea on September 26, 2011. Prof. He Minghong, Vice President of National Science Foundation of China (NSFC), Prof. Motoyuki ONO, President of Japan Society for the promotion of Science (JSPS) and Prof. Se-Jung Oh, President of the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) headed their delegations at the presence.

The theme of the meeting is “S&T Policy for Enhancing Green Innovation”. The three parties presented S&T Policy of their respective countries and agencies for enhancing green innovation, and had a full exchange and discussion. They also discussed about collaborative area of 2012 Northeastern Symposium and A3 Foresight Program of 2013, as well as the theme, time and venue of next A-HORCs meeting and reached a tentative consensus.

The A-HORCs meeting, originally established jointly by NSFC, JSPS and KOSEF (Korea Science and Engineering Foundation, now named NRF) has become a regional meeting which takes place in China, Japan and Korea in turn once a year. The goal of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the leaders of the three Research Councils to meet regularly and discuss on subjects of common interests with a view to strengthen high level exchanges and collaboration in the field of basic research.

To promote Asia as a research center with worldwide influence, culture prominent talents and solve scientific problems with regional significant, NSFC, JSPS and NRF jointly established A3 Foresight Program at the 2nd A-HORC meeting, through which to provide fund for the three countries’ scientists to carry out collaborative research work in selected areas. Since the implementation of A3 Foresight Program started in 2005, the three Parties in succession co-funded 12 projects in the field of nanotechnology, biotechnology, climate change, advanced materials, epigenetic, renewable energy, next generation network and so on.

Jointly sponsored by NSFC, JSPS and NRF, undertaken by NRF, “2011 Northeast Asia Symposium on Plasma Physics” on September 25—28, 2011 was successfully held also in Daejeon, Korea in which nearly 50 excellent scientists from China, Japan and Korea participated.