To promote the development of China-Canadian scientific co-operation between universities, hospitals, research institutes or affiliated research organizations in China and Canada, on the basis of fully communications and under the framework of bilateral S&T cooperative agreement, the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) and Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) signed a new MOU on Joint Health Research Program on December 20, 2005 in Beijing.

Prof. Chen Yiyu, President of NSFC and Dr. Alan Bernstein, President of CIHR, on behalf of the two organizations respectively, signed the MOU on the signing ceremony. According to the MOU, the two organizations will jointly support collaborative grants in health fields. Call for proposals for the first round involves the following six fields: neurosciences, diabetes and obesity, cardiovascular system, genetics, infection and immunity, child and youth health.

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