President Chen Yiyu Met with Russian Delegation

On Jan. 8, 2007, NSFC President Chen Yiyu met with a Russian delegation headed by Academician Michail I. Kuzmin, Director of Irkutsk Science Center, Siberian Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Academician Kuzmin first conveyed the best wishes to leaders of NSFC from President of Russian Academy of Sciences and Russian Foundation for Basic Research. Then the two sides briefed respectively on the research on Lake Baikal and the Russia-China joint research expedition in 2005 and 2006, as well as the joint research in the future.

President Chen Yiyu expressed his support to the collaborative proposals of research on Lake Baikal. President Chen said that NSFC attached great importance to the research carried out by Russian scientists in the past. In future collaboration, emphasis should be put on research based on past collaboration and trying to avoid repetitive work. NSFC will fully support communication between scientists of the two countries in different areas for establishing high quality research program on the new horizon.

Prof. Han Jianguo, Director General, Bureau of International Cooperation, Dr. Chai Yucheng, Deputy Director, Department of Earth Sciences, and Dr. Song Changqing, Division Director of the Department attended the meeting.

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