

2019 BRICS Think Tank International Symposium Held in Fuzhou

2019 BRICS Think Tank International Symposium with the theme of scientific and technological innovation and cooperation was held in Fuzhou from October 19 to 20. The China Council for the BRICS Think Tank Cooperation was the host of the symposium. Fujian Normal University co-organized it with Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development and China Institute of Science and Technology Evaluation. Attendees included Dong Weihua, vice-director of International Department, Central Committee of CPC and deputy secretary-general of China Council for BRICS Think Tank Cooperation, Lin Xuefeng, vice-director of Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Fujian Province, Kang Jincheng, vice-president of China High-Tech Industrialization Association and former director general of Bureau of International Co-operation of Chinese Academy of Engineering, Zhao Xinli, academician of International Eurasian Academy of Sciences and secretary-general of China Science Center and secondary professional of Ministry of Science and Technology, Hu Zhijian, president of Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development, Li Minrong, president of China Institute of Science and Technology Evaluation and former secretary of the leading party members' group, Fujian Provincial Administration of Radio and Television, Li Baoyin and Lai Hairong, leaders of FNU. About one hundred professional scholars and representatives of enterprises also attended the symposium. They are from Brazilian Federal University of Bahia, Brazilian Applied Economics Research Institute, Russian National Research University Higher School of Economics, Indian Link Legal Law Office, South African University of Cape Town, International Department of Central Committee of CPC, National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China, Development Research Center of the State Council, Chinese Academy of Engineering, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China Science Center of International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development, Chinese Academy of Information and Communications, Tsinghua University, Renmin University of China, Fudan University, Northeast Agricultural University and Guangdong University of Technology. Lai

Hairong, vice-president of FNU, hosted the opening ceremony.

On behalf of FNU, Li Baoyin, secretary of party committee, delivered a welcome speech. He pointed out that the world had reached a consensus that sustainable development of economy and society should be carried out through innovation under the context of unprecedented change, unborn growth impetus and emerging uncertainties. He said that experts and representatives from governments, universities, research institutes, think tanks and enterprises of BRICS gathered in Fuzhou to have a deep discussion on “BRICS scientific and technological innovation and cooperation”, exchange research findings and views and reach a consensus, which would have a positive and far-reaching significance to deepen BRICS scientific and technological cooperation and improve the link between people and innovative development of economy and society.

Mr. Lin Xuefeng said that think tank was an important part of national soft strength and indispensable force in BRICS cooperation. And precious research findings obtained at the symposium would offer intellectual support to construct new Fujian province in the new era and to deepen BRICS partnership and improve system of global governance.

Mr. Dong Weihua pointed out in his speech that the new round of science and technology and industrial transformation had resulted in an unprecedented change and drastic competition. Advanced technologies, such as big data and AI, had achieved continuous breakthroughs and new technology, format and industry had emerged constantly, which would bring new opportunities and challenges to every BRICS country to develop his economy and society. It proved that strengthening BRICS scientific and technological innovation and cooperation was the necessary way to unlock cooperation potential, improve international competitiveness and guide developing countries to achieve common prosperity, the inevitable request to build a new type of international relations featured by mutual respect, fairness and justice and win-win cooperation between BRICS and the important support to shape a new type of economic globalization. Think-tank, a significant resource of innovation, should play the roles in creating thought, suggesting for policies-making and guiding public opinion in BRICS scientific and technological innovation and cooperation.

Mr. Hu Zhijian was invited to deliver a keynote speech on the topic of *the Trend of Evolution on China Innovation Policies in the New Era*. He said since China entered the new era, the government had put forward a series of important strategies. Among them, the key was to implement new ideas of development. For innovative development, it was necessary to advance

the contribution and share of knowledge in economic development and improve knowledge productivity; for coordinative development, it was essential to optimize macro-distribution of knowledge and build more tolerant infrastructures of information and technology; for green development, it was important to build market-oriented and green system of technology and innovation, strengthen innovation of technology supply and business patterns in the fields of green and low-carbon, ecological environment and resource conservation, and improve the combination of information technology with green technology; for shared development, it was crucial to tap the potential of information and communication technology and advance innovation with efficiency and fairness; for open development, it was critical to eliminate barriers, establish open system of innovation with high quality and boost drastically cross-border mobility of talents and knowledge.

The symposium consisted of five parts: keynote speech, introductory remark, round table dialogue, free talk and closing speech. It focused on four main issues over construction of major scientific and technological infrastructures, construction of science park and intellectual property protection, scientific and technological innovation and cooperation in people-to-people exchanges and management and cooperation of scientific and technological finance and financial science and technology in BRICS.

At the symposium, researchers of FNU, China Science and Technology Exchange Center and Russian National Research University Higher School of Economics co-published three reports, including *BRICS Comprehensive Innovation Competitiveness Development Report(2019)(Chinese version)*, *BRICS Comprehensive Innovation Comprehensiveness Development Report(2019)(English version)*, *Report on BRICS Scientific and Technological Innovation and Cooperation and Sustainable Development(2019)*. They put forward policies and suggestions about pushing BRICS scientific and technological innovation and cooperation. In the afternoon of October 20, the united research group of BRICS scientific and technological innovation and cooperation project held editorial committee meeting and discussed issues over the study and compilation of project's results and improvement of research quality and level.

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Li Baoyin, secretary of party committee of FNU, delivered a speech



Lin Xuefeng, vice-director of Foreign Affairs Office of the People's Government of Fujian Province, delivered a speech



Dong Weihua, vice-director of International Department, Central Committee of CPC and deputy

secretary-general of China Council for BRICS Think-tank Cooperation, delivered a speech



Hu Zhijian, president of Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development, delivered a keynote speech



Lai Hairong, vice-president of FNU, hosted the opening ceremony



Leaders and distinguished guests in the symposium

