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The 17th Conference on International Exchange of Professionals (hereinafter referred to as the conference) is currently China's only national-level international comprehensive conference on exchange of talents featuring the greatest scale and level, which is open exclusively to foreign expert organizations, training agencies and professionals. Approved by the State Council and founded by SAFEA in 2001, the Conference started to be held permanently in Shenzhen. Since 2018, the Conference has been sponsored by Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (SAFEA) and Shenzhen Municipal Government.

In line with the arrangement of the CIEP organizing committee, the 17th CIEP was held in Shenzhen on April 14th-15th, 2019.

Guided by Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era and themed on "Cooperation, Innovation and Development", the Conference sets up 25 items in nine main areas for global professionals to share China's development opportunities.

Minister of Science and Technology Wang Zhigang addresses opening ceremony of the Conference



On April 14th, 2019, the 17th CIEP was opened in Shenzhen Convention & Exhibition Center. Leaders and guests attending the ceremony were Wang Zhigang, Minister of Science and Technology, Wang Weizhong, Deputy Secretary of Guangdong Provincial CPC Committee and Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal CPC Committee, Zhang Jianguo, Vice Minister of Science and Technology and Administrator of SAFEA, Wu Hailong, President of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, Chen Rugui, Deputy Secretary of Shenzhen Municipal CPC Committee and Mayor of Shenzhen, Chen

Cungen, former Deputy Secretary of the Working Committee of the CPC and State Government Bodies, Sun Jiadong, CAS member, founding father of atomic and hydrogen bomb and man-made satellite and Chief Designer of the Lunar Project, Prince Andrew, Duke of York of the country of honor of the UK, Buffagni, Deputy Secretary General of Italian Council of Internal Affairs and Serge Haroche, 2012 Nobel Prize Laureate of Physics. Wang Lixin, Vice Mayor of Shenzhen hosted the opening ceremony. Minister Wang Zhigang delivered a speech and announced the open of the 17th CIEP.

Minister Wang remarked that innovation has been added into the theme of the conference this year, which was to show China's sincerity and determination of constantly opening ourselves, furthering cooperation and sharing development achievements in the area of STI. By involving more innovation-driven development philosophy, the conference showcased items on development of the international STI center in the Guangdong-HK-Macao Greater Bay Area, transfer and transformation of S&T achievements and knowledge-intensive service industry, and invited the world-renowned international entrepreneurship platform Pitch@Palace to launch the final of the third competition in China.

In recent years, China has strengthened international S&T exchanges comprehensively and worked to put in place a community of innovation featuring equal cooperation, mutual benefit and win-win outcomes. At present, China has set up S&T partnership with 160 countries, signed 114 inter-governmental cooperation agreements and 346 talent exchange agreements, joined over 200 international organizations and multilateral mechanisms, participated in a series of international mega-science programs and projects, and strove to contribute Chinese wisdom to global S&T progress and innovation development.

2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of new China, a critical year for building a moderately prosperous society in an all-round way, the first year for Greater Bay Area development since issuance of its Development Outline and the 40th anniversary of the founding of Shenzhen. Guided by the Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era, the conference carries forward the spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress, puts into practice Xi Jinping's important thought on STI and global wisdom pooling, insists on facilitating international talent exchange through STI, upholds the theme of cooperation, innovation and development, works to build a comprehensive international platform integrating talents and projects, and enables

global wisdom to share China's development opportunities.

An introduction to the activities

During the conference, a series of activities have been held, including the award ceremony of the grand final of the third China (Shenzhen) Innovation & Entrepreneurship International Competition, launching ceremony of the second Star of Beidou Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition and the third final of Pitch@Palace China Zone. The result of the 2018 Most Attractive Chinese City for International Talents was announced.



The Conference puts in place 26 items in nine areas, namely opening ceremony, Shenzhen forum, exhibitions, professional meetings, activities for country of honor, Pitch@Palace China Competition, China (Shenzhen) Innovation & Entrepreneurship International Competition, overseas sub-meetings, awarding ceremony and online platforms. More than 4,000 professional organizations, training agencies, universities, tech-based enterprises and human resource agencies from 52 countries and regions have been involved, over 8,500 high-caliber international experts and talents and more than 9,300 representatives from human resource, S&T and education departments and talent introduction companies of all provinces have held 66 meetings and activities of all kinds. Various provinces have reached more than 3,000 cooperation intents on talent introduction with professional organizations, training agencies and overseas returnees.

High-level forum

The theme of Shenzhen forum is STI and international personnel exchange. Macdonald and Speakman, UK RAE members, Kevin Ashton, Inventor of IoT, Hong Weimin, Chief Liaison Officer of HK Affairs in Qianhai Administration, Peter

Bonfield, President of University of Westminster and Chen Xinying, Co-CEO of Ping An Group discussed the topics of STI and management and talent development, focused on frontier areas of AI, wearable device and bio-medicine, and jointly explored on sustainable development and way of innovation for S&T and talent under new circumstances. Themed on innovation and development, the international forum on project management invited veteran professionals and authoritative experts to discuss the best practices for enhancing corporate project management capacity and facilitating reform & innovation based on scientific management knowledge and tools. Highlighting opportunity and development, the Asia-Pacific Summit on HR service industry gathered 118 HR institutions at home and abroad such as Manpower Group, FESCO Adecco and FSG.

Exhibitions and matchmaking

There were 2,105 booths, covering a total area of 70,000 square meters. 29 provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities, HK and Macao dispatched delegations to introduce their talent introduction policies and environment for innovation and entrepreneurship. The largest booth among provinces was Shandong, which covered 720 m²; that among districts in Shenzhen was Bao'an, 630 m²; that among enterprises was Ping An, 468 m². There were also booths for international technology transfer and collaborative innovation and matchmaking for overseas talent exchange agencies. Over 100 international agencies conducted effective matchmaking with national S&T system and employers. Over 200 international PhD students have been invited to career development fora and roadshow events. At the IT university-enterprise cooperation conference, 55 universities reached over 150 agreements with 27 Chinese leading AI enterprises.

Talent recruitment

Recruitment activities have been held for international talents, overseas returnees, medium and high-end talents and university students. Over 1,500 enterprises like Tencent, Huawei, Ping An, Vanke and BYD Co. Ltd. offered 40,000 job opportunities for high-end talents at home and abroad. The enterprises received more than 180,000 resumes and over 30,000 people reached intent of employment.

International competition

Pitch@Palace is a non-profit global innovation

incubation platform founded by Prince Andrew in 2014, which enjoys world fame. The conference invited the final of Pitch@Palace China Competition to be held in Shenzhen, selected 42 out of over 30,000 projects and arranged for 12 participants to deliver reports. Prince Andrew himself announced the voting result and invited China's top three to compete world top three in London. In the meantime, we also put in place the exhibition on China-UK international professional exchange and vocational education and partnering event for leading innovative enterprise and major strategic innovative projects, to map out and match international innovation resources and enrich new content to bilateral relationship in the new era.

As a major competition on innovation and entrepreneurship in the country, China (Shenzhen) Innovation & Entrepreneurship International Competition has collected 1,850 project applications from ten overseas substations in ten cities of nine countries, namely Sydney of Australia, Toronto in Canada, Berlin of Germany, Tel Aviv of Israel, Tokyo of Japan, Madrid of Spain, Stockholm of Sweden, Boston of the US, Silicon Valley and London of the UK.

Professional meetings

Relevant departments and public institutions of MOST organized professional meetings of various kinds. The partners also held fora on global think tank, HR service industry, innovation of presidents and STI and IP protection and trading, which has been applauded extensively.

Country of Honor and sub fora

The UK is the country of honor of this conference. In order to implement the practical outcomes of China-UK relationship in the golden era, the conference applied the approach of "bring in & go international", held a series of thematic events in the UK, invited a batch of original, innovative and leading international high-level talent and projects to China for entrepreneurial activities and convened the final of Pitch@Palace during the conference.

As the HK session had been put in place, the conference also set up the Macao session for the first time, sub venues in Bao'an District and Longhua District of Shenzhen and Zhuhai city. The attendees discussed the need for talents, model of talent cultivation and talent eco-system development in the new era and strove to develop talent projects and new STI platforms.

The conference is committed to pooling global intellectual resources and innovation elements in

China through providing specialized services and strengthening precision matchmaking of industry-academia-industry synergy. The conference provides a major platform for global young entrepreneurs and scientists dedicated to innovative and entrepreneurial figures to fulfill their dreams, strengthen exchange and mutual trust, realize mutual benefit and win-win outcomes and create a bright future.

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