



2019 Belt and Road Science & Technology Park Workshop

Sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and organized by the Great Wall Enterprise Institute (GEI), the 2019 “Belt and Road” Science and Technology Park International Workshop was successfully held in Beijing and Nanning from August 1 to August 20, with 26 participants from 11 countries including Thailand, Hungary, Serbia, Egypt, etc.. Mo Tan, Director of the International Department of the Torch High Technology Industry Development Center of the Ministry of Science & Technology, attended the opening ceremony in Beijing and delivered a speech. Qin Changwen, Director of the Economic Development Bureau of Nanning High-tech Zone, attended the Nanning Welcome Ceremony and delivered a speech. The workshop of this year has the largest number of participants and countries since 2013. It adopted a model of “Lecture + Science Park Visit + Corporate Connection + Professional Institution Communication”, which facilitates exchange and collision of thoughts and was highly complimented and acknowledged by participants.



1. Lectures from Chinese Experts of Innovation and Development

From August 2 to August 6, and on August 12, a series of compact courses were hosted in Beijing and Nanning, with substantial and diverse range of contents, including “ Linking the Future of Innovation Inheriting ‘Pilot’ Spirits”, “Theory and Practice of Fintech”, “Evolution of China’s Innovation System”, “Science and Technology Park Planning”, “Current Status and

Future Trend of Innovation in China”, “The ‘Belt and Road’ Innovation and Practice”, “China Torch Program”, “International Cooperation of Science Parks ” and “Nanning’s Innovation Strategic Planning and Policy”. A number of experienced experts gave lectures and showed the overall situation and theoretical basis of China's innovation and entrepreneurship system.



2. Visit to China's Science, Technology & Innovation Think Tanks and Professional Agencies

On August 7, participants visited the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development. Dean Hu Zhijian delivered a speech and introduced the vision and the purpose of the academy, and stated the needs and necessity of China's development of innovation and entrepreneurship research. At the event, participants proposed a series of issues representative in the process of technological innovation in developing countries. Experts and scholars shared their perspectives, experiences.



On August 15, participants visited the China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Center (CATTTC) in Nanning, Guangxi province, and exchanged ideas with experts from the CATTTC. Shi Min, Deputy Director of the center, introduced the construction of CATTTC and proposed to carry out technology transfer and innovation cooperation with countries along the “Belt and Road”. In addition, Liang Guangqi, the General Manager of Hico.Ventures Accelerator shared the current situation of entrepreneurship incubation in ASEAN countries and the cooperation of entrepreneurship incubation between China and ASEAN.

On August 9, participants visited GEI, and learnt how GEI participated in the development process of China's innovation and entrepreneurship for nearly 30 years, with a glimpse of the big data platform of China's innovation ecosystem developed by GEI. Dr. Wang Delu, Chairman of GEI, and Wang Fenyu, the Deputy General Manager, attended the meeting and had a lively discussion with participants on topics including new economy, cooperation between China and the “Belt and Road” countries, and how countries can draw on China's experience in innovation development.



3. Visit to Leading Science Parks and Incubators

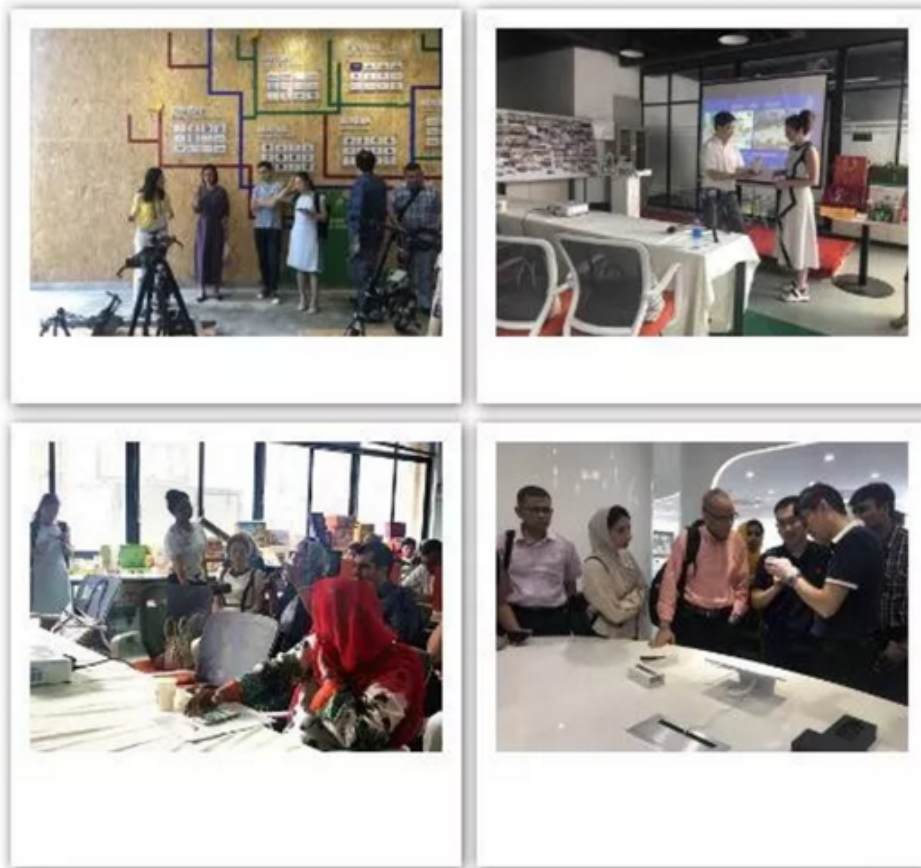
On the afternoon of August 7, the participants visited Zhongguancun International Incubator and Zhongguancun Software Park, learnt about the operation modes, incubation system and construction planning of the two parks, and had an in-depth discussion of the business model and land issues in Zhongguancun. Two representative companies in the park presented themselves: a smart blood glucose testing system--Dnurse, and a content distribution platform--Sigma created by a Yemeni student in China. As the first stop of the Science Park visit, the scale of the Zhongguancun Park and its influence in China's innovation ecosystem left a deep impression on participants.



On August 8, the general manager of the Peking University Science Park, Song Qi, shared the experience of the operation mode of university campus and entrepreneurial mobilization. Many of the participants also from incubators of universities and colleges

showed interests in the development of Peking University Science Park and hoped to gain experience from each other.

On August 15, the participants visited the Nanning NetEase Joint Innovation Center to learn more about the incubation process, business scope, and NetEase's products including NetEase Cloud, Games, AR/VR and so on. NetEase welcomes innovators from all over the world to come to Nanning achieving their entrepreneurial dreams by providing three year-exemption of rent and other benefits.



In addition, the workshop also visited the China-ASEAN Science and Technology Park specializing in the cultivation of strategic emerging industries; Nanning Innovator City, a creative space and new entrepreneurial service platform with professional services; Nanning Advertising Industry Park focusing on cultural innovation; C-Space, a multi-incubator located in Beijing; and Nanning-Zhongguancun Innovation Demonstration Base.

4. Visit to Chinese Unicorns and Innovative Enterprises

On August 8, the workshop visited the unicorn enterprise APUS. APUS is committed to providing the best mobile internet products and experiences for Android users around the world. They presented the company's mobile phone applications, big data analysis of user behavior and the future vision. In the afternoon, the workshop visited the high-tech enterprise Bai Cells Co., Ltd. which focuses on solutions of 4G/5G communication with public cloud architecture. So far, they have deployed more than 600 commercial networks worldwide.



On August 12, the workshop visited a number of high-quality innovative enterprises in the Nanning·Zhongguancun Innovation Demonstration Base, including an unmanned aerial vehicle company--HIT Robot Group , and a facial scan payment company--Mifpay. On August 13, the participants visited Guangxi Research Institute of Mechanical Industry Co., Ltd. They showed a variety of advanced equipment to participants such as industrial robot, automatic production line, and 3D printers. Other high-quality high-tech enterprises being visited including MCBS, a company specializing in the development of rail car transmission systems.

5. Participants Delivering “Country Reports” in Nanning

On August 16, the country-report of 2019 the “Belt and Road” Science and Technology Park International Workshop was successfully held in the Nanning·Zhongguancun Innovation Demonstration Base. Liang Yan, general manager of Nanning·Zhongguancun Information Valley Technology Service Co., Ltd., and Zhang Yin, associate general manager, attended the event. It gathered more than 60 people, including participants from 11 countries as well as representatives from Nanning innovation enterprises.



Participants from all over the world presented the current status of science and technology innovation, the innovation systems and the achievements in entrepreneurship in their countries. The content of the sharing varied from the construction of the science park in Egypt, the unicorn enterprise in Georgia, and to the innovative ecosystem planning in Thailand. It brought a comprehensive overview of the rising career of the technological innovation and the cooperation prospects of the “Belt and Road” countries. After the meeting, a number of local companies actively exchanged ideas with participants, hoping to reach cooperation, including market development in the field of smart education in Thailand, technical cooperation in the field of automotive industry in Hungary, and student-exchanges in the field of art design in Georgia.

6. The Closing Ceremony in Beijing

On August 19th, the closing ceremony was held in Beijing. 26 participants successfully completed the workshop. The Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Science and Technology of China issued a certificate of the program for participants. Everyone shared their sincere feelings and harvest during the 20 days.

Hungarian participants said that they have learned how the socialist country uses market economic measures to stimulate economic development in China.

Egyptian participants said that they were surprised by the large number of China’s science and technology parks, and appreciate China for organizing the meaningful workshop and all the meticulous consideration and help during the 20 days.

Georgian participants expressed that China has used plenty of robots and artificial intelligence related applications in daily life. Pakistani participants said that the content of the workshop combined experience and practicality, which was very inspiring.

The 20-day workshop is an unforgettable experience for everyone; it not only reached cooperation intentions between companies, parks and incubators, but also brought profound friendships for people. Although the journey of the trip in China has ended, the journey of international cooperation has just begun.



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