

**IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT**  
**Between**  
**The Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic**  
**of China and the Directorate-General for Research of the**  
**European Commission**  
**On the "CHINA-EU SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY YEAR"**

Considering the *Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between China and the European Union* signed in December 1998, and renewed on 8 December 2004, in accordance with article 11.b. of this Agreement

Referring to the *Joint Declaration on EU-China Science and Technology Cooperation Building a Knowledge-Based Strategic Partnership*, adopted on May 13, 2005 in Beijing,

Referring to the *Joint Statement of the Eighth China-EU Summit* adopted on September 5, 2005 in Beijing, and in particular paragraph 17 concerning the preparation of the China-EU Science and Technology Year,

Acknowledging the increasing importance of science and technology in the overall China-EU relationship and the willingness to strengthen existing cooperation mechanisms,

Both sides have decided to organize the China-EU Science & Technology Year in 2006-2007 to contribute implementing the Joint Declaration and the Joint Statement indicated above and agreed on the following:

**1- Goals**

1. To strengthen China-EU bilateral political and scientific relations and enhance their strategic partnership;
2. To display and demonstrate the mutual benefits and importance of China-Europe science and technology cooperation;
3. To raise China and Europe scientific profiles on each sides and to improve mutual understanding,
4. To mutually further open government research programs for collaboration;
5. To encourage fair and reciprocal technology transfer and business cooperation and investment between Chinese and European enterprises, especially the SMEs.
6. To develop key China-EU science and technology cooperation projects and promote collaboration in big science initiatives and international advanced infrastructures, e.g. through Chinese eleventh "Five-year Plan", European Framework Programme 7 and the support of the EU Member States.;
7. To enhance existing coordination mechanisms for cooperation;
8. To develop and to reinforce the links between Chinese and European scientific, technological and educational institutions,
9. To promote mobility of each other's researchers and students;

**2- Theme**

***China-EU Science & Technology Year:***  
**"Cooperation for sustainable mutual benefit"**

### 3- Contents:

1. **Exhibitions** in several European and Chinese cities, focusing on:
  - Demonstration of the accomplishments of China's and EU's S&T development in selected areas
  - Present the Chinese program for the eleventh "Five-year Plan" and the EU's FP7
  - Exhibit Chinese and European research institutions, universities and enterprises.
2. **Thematic forums, seminars, workshops, camps and/or networking events** associated with high-level China-EU events and major S&T activities in China and in the EU, such as those outlined in annex.

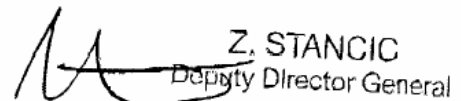
### 4- Organization

1. **Principles:**
  - Limited number of planned and well-prepared activities
  - Close cooperation between Chinese and European organisers (e.g. European Commission and Member States governments)
  - Encourage and organise Chinese and European enterprises to contribute and participate
  - Wide public awareness via renowned Chinese and European media of significant influence
2. **Period and venues:**
  - Period: from 2006 to 2007
  - Venues:
    - Inauguration ceremony in October 2006 in Brussels with a Sino-European High Level Conference on Technology Innovation
    - Events in China and Europe
3. **Implementation:**
  - The Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China and the Directorate-General for Research of the European Commission will be general coordinators of the China-EU Science & Technology Year while the preparation and implementation of the selected events in China and in the EU MS will be the responsibility of their organisers.

Done by mail through diplomatic channel.



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# **ANNEX TO THE IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENT**

This is the **provisional** list of activities to be implemented for the **China-EU Science & Technology Year**:

## **In Europe:**

1. Participation in the Information Society Technology Conference in **Helsinki**, November 2006.
2. Participation in the launch conference for Framework 7, **Brussels**, February 2007. CSTEC.
3. Human Resources conference in **Berlin** (April 2007): high level meeting to discuss mobility for researchers (possibly as a closing event for the Chinese science year)
4. Policy workshop on major socio-economic issues affecting China and Europe, in Finland around the next EU-China Summit.
5. TCM-Conference in **Vienna**, November 2006, EURASIA-Pacific-UNINET ([www.eurasiapacific.net](http://www.eurasiapacific.net)), Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women
6. The **UK** expressed its willingness to facilitate a meeting on technology platforms at some point during the year.

## **In China:**

1. A digital Olympics workshop, **Beijing** May 2006. Beijing S and T Commission.
2. A joint EU-China exhibit on S and T co-operation at the **Shenzhen** High Tech Fair in October 2006. China S and T Exchange Centre. A workshop on a transversal issue in relation with the EU-China cooperation such as on IPR issues could be organised.
3. Bio-partnering Europe and China in **Beijing** (September 2006) and in Shanghai (Spring 2007)
4. International Conference on Water Technologies to be held in Beijing in September 2006
5. A workshop on China-Europe joint R and D centres in **Beijing** in March 2007. (?)

The present document records political intent and provides for no legal / financial commitment.