The ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) is an inter-governmental organization which was co-founded by governments of 10 ASEAN Member States and China. Since its inception on 18 November 2011, the centre has actively played its role as a one-stop information and activities centre to promote practical cooperation between ASEAN and China in the areas of trade, investment, tourism, education, culture and information and media. The ACC Secretariat is located in Beijing. The current Secretary-General is H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai.

ACC is governed by three bodies, with the Joint Council as the policy-making body, the Joint Executive Board as the advisory body, and the Secretariat as the executing body.

The Joint Council comprises the members of the ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee.

The Joint Executive Board consists of the ASEAN Committee in Beijing (ACB) and the China Council, which was established to include representatives from Chinese agencies involved in trade, investment, tourism, educational and cultural matters.

The Secretariat consists of a Secretary-General as its chief executive and four divisions, including General Affairs and Coordination Division, Trade and Investment Division, Education, Culture and Tourism Division, and Information and Public Relations Division.
Executive Summary

The year 2018 marks the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. It also marks the beginning of the second 50 years for ASEAN and the 40th anniversary of China’s reform and opening-up. ASEAN-China relations have entered a new era with broad prospects and new opportunities. Closely following the latest development of ASEAN-China relations, ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) actively implemented the consensus reached by the leaders of both sides, promoted practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism as well as information and media, which received wide acknowledgment and strong support from the governments and sectors of ASEAN Member States and China.

In 2018, as approved by its Joint Council, ACC has been actively implementing 21 flagship projects and organized or participated in more than 100 activities. To celebrate the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership, ACC held an International Symposium themed “New Era, New Vision, New Opportunities” in March and a grand reception in August. To support ASEAN’s efforts to narrow development gap among its Member States and echo the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, ACC organized a study visit to Singapore by government officials from ASEAN Member States and China themed “Innovation Driven Development”.

On trade and investment, ACC focused on the implementation of the upgraded China-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA), and played a bridging role for economic cooperation. To jointly build the Belt and Road, especially on innovation, ACC co-hosted the “ASEAN-China Belt and Road Business Forum: the First E-Commerce Cooperation Dialogue” in Jakarta, Indonesia and co-hosted the China-ASEAN Cross-border E-commerce Cooperation Forum during the 15th China-ASEAN Expo. ACC actively introduced trade and investment policies of ASEAN countries to the local governments and business communities of China and co-hosted the ASEAN-Wuhan Trade and Investment Forum and the ASEAN-Huanggang Trade and Investment Forum in Hubei province, the China-ASEAN Investment Promotion Seminar during the Belt and Road Global Chambers of Commerce and Associations Conference and co-hosted the launching ceremony of the China (Sichuan)-ASEAN Free Trade Cooperation
Center in Chengdu (Shuangliu). ACC continued facilitating ASEAN enterprises to expand business in China, co-hosted the 2nd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum during the 5th China-South Asia Exposition in Kunming, set ASEAN Pavilion and ACC Booth at the 24th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair, co-hosted the Eurasian Promotion Conference on Trade in Services during the 1st China International Import Expo in Shanghai, supported the 2018 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Expo and the 2018 Dianchi Forum in Kunming, and attended the Chinese Enterprises Going ASEAN Symposium in Shanghai as well as the China-ASEAN Youth Entrepreneurs Belt and Road (Fangchenggang) Economic and Trade Exchanges. Moreover, ACC successively organized trade and investment missions of Chinese enterprises to Viet Nam and Myanmar to explore business opportunities. In order to strengthen the sectoral cooperation in science and technology, new and renewable energy as well as connectivity and production capacity, ACC organized field visits to HIT Robot Group and other high-tech enterprises and industrial parks, attended exhibitions and forums including the 2018 Belt and Road Logistics Forum on China-Singapore Connectivity Initiative (CCI)-Southern Transport Corridor, the East Asia Summit New Energy Forum, the 2018 World Ocean Week in Xiamen, the 1st China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative Financial Summit, etc. ACC also participated in regional activities such as the 15th ASEAN Leadership Forum 2018, the 12th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, and the 10th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum and the ASEAN Connectivity Workshop on Increasing Awareness of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025.

On education, ACC strengthened collaboration with partners by identifying more areas of mutual interest, expanding the network of potential partners, and pooling in more resources to deliver new programmes while ensuring the quality of the activities under the existing flagship projects. To advance ASEAN-China youth exchanges, ACC created various platforms such as hosting the 3rd ASEAN-China Youth Forum with the theme on Technology and Innovation and the ASEAN-China youth winter and summer camps to strengthen friendship and mutual understanding between the younger generations of both sides. ACC continued supporting the activities of ASEAN students studying in China by sponsoring the Finals as well as the Awarding Ceremony of Chinese Language Competition for ASEAN Students and the 6th New Year’s Gala for ASEAN Students and the 4th Beijing ASEAN Students’ Games. ACC actively promoted vocational education cooperation between ASEAN and China and facilitated intercollegiate networking events while strengthening ASEAN-China school-enterprise cooperation. ACC co-hosted the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programmes, co-organized the Second Partnership Workshop for the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO)-China Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Cultural Twinning Programme and facilitated the handover of ACC-Yalong education equipment donation to Cambodia as well as the delivery of its training programme. ACC hosted, organized and supported seven activities during the 11th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) and conducted extensive exchanges with major stakeholders from both sides. ACC continued to strengthen links with SEAMEO and took part in important meetings held by SEAMEO. While collaborating on major projects with its partners, ACC paid close attention to exchanging views with higher education institutes, enterprises and governments at different levels in view of getting to know the momentum of development in education and designing new programmes that are tailored to the needs of both sides.

On culture, ACC remained good relationship with partners in ASEAN and China, including governments, cultural organizations, academia and private sectors to promote cultural exchanges and people-to-people relations. ACC co-hosted the 2018 China-Viet Nam Traditional Spring
Festival Pictures Exhibition, 2018 Beijing Belt and Road Cultural Tour-Spring Festival Exchanges in the Philippines, the 3rd ASEAN Gourmet Festival: the Golden Land Myanmar, the ASEAN-China Exhibition on Children’s Books, 2018 ASEAN-China Day Fair, the 13th ASEAN-China Cultural Forum, etc. ACC updated ASEAN-China youth activities on the website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges and co-sponsored the 2018 “Soong Ching Ling Cup” ASEAN-China Youth Football Friendly Matches to enhance the friendship among the youth and children. These activities showcased the uniqueness as well as the diversity of ASEAN and Chinese cultures, and were warmly welcomed and have yielded fruitful results.

On tourism, with the robust growth of tourism industry and two-way travel, the number of tourists has been increasing, and the positive trend has provided great impetus for tourism agencies, enterprises and media circle to advance tourism exchanges and cooperation. ACC kept working closely with relevant parties to deepen ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in tourism, further promoting new tourism products from both sides to the public by setting up booths at important tourism expos, circulated ASEAN tourism promotional materials and produced Tourism Documentary Hi! ASEAN. To further help ASEAN tourism professionals provide better services for Chinese tourists, better understand Chinese culture and use Chinese language, the ASEAN-China Tourism Capacity Building Project and Chinese Language Training Programme for Chinese Language Tour Guide Teachers have been conducted in Singapore and Brunei respectively. ACC co-hosted the 2018 ASEAN Belt and Road Tourism Culture Exchange Week in Guizhou province, which brought greater publicity in promoting ASEAN tourism and culture to Guizhou and vice versa.

On information and public relations, ACC doubled its efforts to promote closer cooperation in the information and media sector between ASEAN and China. As the revised MoU on establishing ACC was signed by foreign ministers of ASEAN Member States and China in 2017, information and media has been added as a priority area for ACC’s work. In 2018, ACC designed and carried out a host of information and media activities with innovative attempts to better meet demands of both sides. ACC has enriched the contents and modalities of its flagship projects. For instance, ACC hosted the first ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum, added Scholar lectures to lecture series by ASEAN and Chinese ambassadors, and adopted a more user-friendly design of the 2017 edition of ASEAN-China statistics book. In addition, ACC organized a series of capacity building workshops and in-depth media exchange activities to facilitate ASEAN media to keep abreast of latest developments in China and interact actively with the media in China. As a result, the number of programmes and activities in this sector almost doubled compared to the year before and ACC’s profile was effectively raised in both the media sector and general public.

As an inter-governmental organization co-founded by 10 ASEAN Member States and China, ACC continued to strengthen contacts and cooperation with the governments, business and social associations, academia and private sectors of ASEAN and China, which rendered ACC great support and enabled it to fulfill the latest needs of both sides. ACC enhanced communication and partnership with relevant international organizations especially the ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN-Japan Centre (AIC), ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), United Nations (UN), etc. These efforts have further expanded ACC’s network with relevant stakeholders and are helpful for it to better carry out its mandate.

Looking forward, ACC will continue to fully harness its role as a one-stop information and activities centre. Based on past experience and in light of the coming ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges in 2019, ACC will join hands with all friends and partners, forge ahead in an innovative spirit and make greater contributions to the further development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the all-round, multi-tiered and wide-ranging cooperation.
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CHAPTER I
TRADE AND INVESTMENT
ASEAN-China economic cooperation has been a highlight of win-win cooperation over the past decades. In 2018, the implementation of the upgraded ASEAN-China Free Trade Area Agreement gave a strong boost to ASEAN-China economic cooperation. China has been ASEAN’s largest trading partner for nine years in a row and ASEAN has remained the third largest trading partner for China for seven consecutive years. According to China’s statistics, the bilateral trade volume of 2017 reached 514.8 billion US dollars, accounting for a bigger proportion of China’s foreign trade. In the first eleven months of 2018, the bilateral trade volume reached 539.83 billion US dollars, up by 16.6% compared with the previous year. In investment, ASEAN and China are each other’s important sources of foreign investment. It is expected that the accumulative two-way investment will exceed 220 billion U.S. dollars by the end of 2018, among which Chinese investment is over 100 billion US dollars with 4,000 enterprises established in ASEAN countries and employment of more than 300,000 local people. The mutual investment has vigorously contributed to local economic and social development.

The year of 2018 marked the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and was also the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. In May 2018, during the visit to the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang stressed that China is committed to be ASEAN’s partner for common development, peace, greater openness and win-win progress, entrepreneurship and innovation and in promoting inclusiveness and mutual learning. China wishes to work with ASEAN to build a closer community with a shared future and a better tomorrow for ASEAN-China cooperation. On 14 November 2018, the 21st ASEAN-China Summit held in Singapore adopted the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, which has outlined an ambitious blueprint for the long-term growth of China-ASEAN relations.

In 2018, ACC spared no efforts to encourage two-way trade and investment between ASEAN and China. ACC held forums in China’s local provinces to introduce trade and investment opportunities of ASEAN countries, organized investment missions to ASEAN Member States for business matching, promoted exchanges and cooperation in various sectors and continued raising awareness of CAFTA, ASEAN and China’s trade and investment policies on various occasions and activities. In addition, ACC continued following the operation and development of ASEAN Commercial Centres in Tianjin and Yiwu, as well as the E-commerce trading centre in Shanghai and provided with assistance.

**“Belt and Road” Business Forum**

[1. Background]

The Belt and Road Initiative, since being put forward by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013, has given a strong boost to trade and investment. From 2013 to 2017, the total imports and exports between China and countries along the route hit RMB 33.2 trillion. ASEAN, as a priority region in the joint building of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, plays an important role in the Belt and Road Initiative. As the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, the year 2018 opened up broad prospects for ASEAN-China cooperation in various areas. ACC fully plays its role as a facilitator and bridge builder between ASEAN and China in line with the priorities and needs of ASEAN and China and focuses on the emerging trends of regional cooperation such as E-commerce, cross-border economy and regional economic integration.

[2. Activities]

**Co-hosted “ASEAN-China Belt and Road Business Forum: the First E-Commerce Cooperation Dialogue”**

From 15 to 17 May 2018, ACC co-hosted the “ASEAN-China Belt and Road Business Forum: the First E-Commerce Cooperation Dialogue” with the Mission of the People’s Republic of China to ASEAN in Jakarta, Indonesia. Nearly 500 participants including senior officials of ASEAN Secretariat, ambassadors of China and Member States to ASEAN, government officials, leaders of chambers of commerce, entrepreneurs as well as media representatives from both ASEAN and China attended the forum and relevant activities.

H.E. Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Mme. Yang Xiuping, then Secretary-General of ACC, H.E. Mr. Huang Xilian, Ambassador of China to ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Tan Hung Seng, Permanent Representative of Singapore to ASEAN, Mr. Vinsensius Jemadu, Director General for Greater China Marketing Development of Ministry of Tourism of Indonesia, and Ms. Ir. Tjahya Widayanti, Director General of Domestic Trade, Ministry of Trade of Indonesia, delivered remarks on the current development and future prospect of E-commerce in ASEAN and China, as well as cooperation opportunities between the two sides. The participants had intensive discussion and shared thoughts and insights.

[3. Outcomes]

The Forum was timely held after Chinese Premier Li Keqiang visited the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta in the same
month. It echoed the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, as well as aligning with the yearly theme of ASEAN, “Resilience and Innovation”. Focused on the current development and future prospect of E-commerce in ASEAN and China, the Forum provided updated information on the building of the Belt and Road, interpreted new policies for better utilization by both sides, tapped potentials for future cooperation and promoted people-to-people exchanges. The Forum was well received by the business circles of both sides as it raised constructive views and practical suggestions for ASEAN and Chinese enterprises that are interested in the Belt and Road Initiative. ACC strengthened its network with government departments and business circles of ASEAN and China, provided a platform to share ideas and practices in the building of the Belt and Road, and promoted more opportunities for cooperation and more favorable investment environment for the enterprises of both sides.

**“Business and Investment Opportunities in ASEAN”—Introducing Trade and Investment Policies of ASEAN in China’s Local Provinces**

**1. Background**

With deepened economic ties, ASEAN and China are embracing new opportunities in trade and investment cooperation. ASEAN enterprises are keen to seek business opportunities in China and express their interest to know more about China’s economic policies related to ASEAN, while Chinese businessmen are keen to learn more about ASEAN markets. However, many enterprises, especially the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of both sides, do not know where to start their business or whom they could cooperate with, due to lack of information. To further boost the trade and investment relations between ASEAN and China, ACC worked with local governments in China and the Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China to host activities promoting trade and investment policies and business environment of ASEAN countries and local provinces and regions of China to help more ASEAN and Chinese enterprises, especially the MSMEs, to make good use of relevant policies and develop the market of each other.

**2. Activities**

**(1) Hosted Activities on ASEAN Trade and Investment Opportunities**

- a. Hosted the Forum on ASEAN Business and Investment Opportunities in Shenyang, Liaoning Province
  
  On 19 December 2017, ACC hosted the Forum on Business and Investment Opportunities in ASEAN in Shenyang, Liaoning province. More than 150 participants consisting of representatives of the Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, officials from relevant sectors of Liaoning Provincial Government and Shenyang Municipal Government, as well as local entrepreneurs attended the Forum.
  
  Mr. Yu Lei, Deputy Director General of Liaoning Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office introduced the social and economic development and advantages of Liaoning province. Mr. See Chee Kong, Minister (Economic Affairs) of the Embassy of Malaysia, together with other senior officials from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States including Brunei, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore, gave presentations on the business environment and relevant economic policies of their countries. The participants had an active interaction with the speakers.
  
  During the trip, representatives of ASEAN Embassies and enterprises visited Shenyang Area of China (Liaoning) Pilot Free Trade Zone, and had an in-depth discussion with the officials from the Zone Administration.
  
- b. Co-hosted the ASEAN-Wuhan Trade and Investment Forum in Wuhan, Hubei Province
  
  On 28 May 2018, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-Wuhan Trade and Investment Forum with the Wuhan Municipal Government in Hubei province. More than 150 participants including officials from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China and Wuhan Municipal Government, representatives of ASEAN and Wuhan enterprises as well as the local media were present.
  
  Mr. Chen Mingquan, Deputy Secretary-General of Wuhan Municipal Government and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment Division (TID) of ACC addressed the forum. Ms. Irene Sim, Economics Counsellor of Singapore Embassy, delivered a speech on behalf of ASEAN to introduce new opportunities in ASEAN development. Minister counsellors and commercial counsellors from the Embassies of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand, Singapore and Viet Nam gave presentations on the national conditions and preferential policies for attracting Chinese investment. Officials of Wuhan Investment Promotion Bureau introduced Wuhan’s development orientation, urban construction, industrial status, advantages and preferential policies. Mr. Fang Hongbin, Managing Partner of Deloitte Wuhan Office and Ms. Eva Ng, Vice President of Nielsen China were invited to introduce Wuhan’s business environment and ASEAN’s key consumer goods markets respectively. Entrepreneurs of ASEAN and Wuhan shared their environmental protection projects, experience in investment and explored cooperation opportunities in China.
  
  During the trip, representatives of ASEAN Embassies and enterprises visited the Wuhan Planning Exhibition Hall and Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone.

![Image of the Forum]

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c. Co-hosted the ASEAN-Huanggang Trade and Investment Forum in Huanggang, Hubei Province

On 30 May 2018, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-Huanggang Trade and Investment Forum with Huanggang Municipal Government in Hubei province. More than 150 participants including officials from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China and Huanggang Municipal Government, representatives of ASEAN and Huanggang enterprises as well as the local media attended the forum.

Mr. Chen Jiawei, Vice Mayor of Huanggang, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, addressed at the opening ceremony of the forum. Minister counsellors and commercial counsellors from the Embassies of Lao PDR, Thailand, Singapore and Viet Nam introduced the conditions and preferential policies of their countries and made interactions with the representatives of local enterprises. Officials of Huanggang Commerce Bureau, Huanggang Investment Promotion Bureau and Tourism Bureau recommended the city’s location advantages, competitive industries, preferential policies and tourism resources.

During the trip, representatives of ASEAN Embassies and enterprises visited Southlake Industrial Park, Yili Yogurt Project and Zhejiang Grerial Environmental and Renewable Resources Utilization Project in Huanggang.

d. Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Investment Promotion Seminar in Beijing

On 29 October 2018, ACC co-hosted the 2nd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum during the 5th China-South Asia Exposition with the government of Yunnan province during the 5th China-South Asia Exposition & the 25th China Kunming Import and Export Fair in Kunming. Then Secretary-General Yang Xiuping attended the Expo and relevant events and visited the Exposition venues.

On 15 June, Mr. Li Zhengyang, Vice Chairman of Yunnan Provincial Committee of the CPPCC, Mr. Zhu Weiqun, member of the Standing Committee of the 12th National Committee of the CPPCC, Mme. Yang Xiuping, then Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Liu Yang, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Global Times Online, and Mr. Zhu Defu, Vice Standing Director of China Nongovernmental Technology Entrepreneurs Association attended the Seminar. About 200 representatives from ASEAN countries’ embassies, international organizations, Chinese and foreign business associations, enterprises and media were present. With the theme “Innovation Creates Opportunities, Cooperation Boosts Development”, economic and commercial counsellors from the embassies of ASEAN countries such as Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam introduced the trade and investment environment of their respective countries and related investment promotion policies, which got warm echo and attention from the enterprises present. Representatives of Chengdu Shuangliu District Government, Zhejiang China Commodities City Group, China Nongovernmental Technology Entrepreneurs Association, China Association of Small and Medium Enterprises as well as ASEAN enterprises respectively introduced the thematic projects such as China (Sichuan)-ASEAN Free Trade Cooperation Center, World Small Commodity Capital, Healthy Silk Road, Wisdom Silk Road and latest environmental protection technology.

(2) Supported Trade Fairs in Various Parts of China

a. Co-hosted the 2nd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum during the 5th China-South Asia Exposition

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General of ACC, Dr. Maung Maung Ley, Vice President of Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attended the opening ceremony of the 2nd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum. Government officials, leaders of business associations, well-known entrepreneurs and the media from China and Southeast Asian countries, with a total number of 500 people were present. The speakers elaborated on the economic development, investment environment and preferential policies of their countries and encouraged China and Southeast Asian countries to strengthen exchanges, deepen practical cooperation and achieve win-win results. Under the themes of “Boost Industry Connectivity and Promote Regional Economic Integration” and “Promote Cross-border Digital Economy and Trade Facilitation”, representatives of business associations, enterprises and research institutions had heated discussions. Relevant parties signed the Kunming Joint Declaration of the 2nd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum, as well as other cooperation agreements and action plans at the forum.

b. Set up ASEAN Pavilion and ACC Booth at the 24th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair

From 5 to 7 July 2018, ACC set up ASEAN Pavilion and ACC Booth and organized senior officials of Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China to attend the 24th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair in Gansu province. Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, attended the fair together with the commercial ministers and counsellors of the Embassies of Thailand, Malaysia, Viet Nam in China, representatives from Enterprise Singapore and ASEAN business circle. They attended the welcome activities and opening ceremony of the fair and participated in activities related to ecological industry cooperation in Gansu province. The ASEAN Pavilion and the ACC Booth received a total of 5,000 visitors during the fair.

c. Supported the 15th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) and the 15th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (CABIS)


On 13 September 2018, about 350 representatives of Chinese and ASEAN governments, chambers of commerce, e-commerce enterprises, research institutes and media were present at the China-ASEAN Cross-border E-commerce Cooperation Forum. Secretary-General Chen Dehai, together with Mr. Chen Zhou, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, Mr. Zhang Xiulong, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People’s Congress of Guangxi, and senior officials of World Trade Centres Association, Department of SMEs of the Ministry of Industry and Information Industry of China (MIIT) and UNIDO delivered keynote remarks at the forum. Representatives of Chinese and ASEAN chambers of commerce, E-commerce enterprises and research institutes held heated discussion on the themes of Creating New Cross-border E-commerce Model and Prospects for China-ASEAN Cross-border E-commerce Cooperation. Report on Influence and Promotion of Trade Facilitation on China-ASEAN Cross-border E-commerce and the East Asia Business Council (EABC) Manufactures Customs Clearance Procedures Guidebook (ASEAN plus China, Japan and R.O.Korea) were released at the forum.

d. Co-hosted the Eurasian Promotion Conference on Trade in Services during the 1st China International Import Expo

On 7 November 2018, ACC co-hosted the Eurasian Promotion Conference on Trade in Services with Shanghai Municipal Commission of Commerce and International Trade Centre (ITC) during the 1st China International Import Expo in Shanghai. Mr. Nematullo Hikmatullozoda, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan, Ms. Chinar Rustamova, Ambassador of Tajikistan to China, Mr. Peng Chenlei, Vice Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government, Mr. Fan Shijie, Deputy Director-General of Department of Trade in Service of Ministry of Commerce of
China and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment of ACC, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. Trade and investment officials of Belarus, Malaysia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and officials of Chinese provinces, gave brief introduction to the development and FDI policies regarding the trade in services in relevant countries and provinces. About 400 participants including government officials of Eurasian countries and representatives of enterprise attended the conference. The Participants also witnessed the launching of Overseas Promotion Platform of Shanghai Global Promotion Association on Trade in Services.

Support the 2018 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Expo and the Dianchi Forum

On 23 November 2018, ACC attended the 2018 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Expo and the Dianchi Forum as a supporting party in Kunming, Yunnan province. The events were hosted by China International Chamber of Commerce (COCIO) and organized by CCPIT Yunnan Sub-council and Kunming Municipal Government. Secretary-General Chen Dehai, together with Mr. Ren Junhao, Vice Governor of Yunnan Province, Mr. Korn Dabbaramsi, former Thai Deputy Prime Minister, Ms. Khamchan Vongsenboun, Lao Vice Minister of Planning and Investment Department, Mr. Chiuen Dara, Cambodian State Secretary of Ministry of Commerce, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. About 300 guests including government officials, leaders of chambers of commerce, experts and scholars, entrepreneurs from the five Mekong countries and China as well as representatives of international organizations were present.

After the opening ceremony, the guests attended the Dianchi Forum themed of “Lancang-Mekong Cooperation and Regional Economic Integration”. Mr. Korn Dabbaramsi, former Thai Deputy Prime Minister, H. E. Mr. Sha Zukan, former Deputy Secretary-General of United Nations, Mr. Chen Jian, former Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce, Mr. Hean Vanhan, State Secretary of the Cambodian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Mr. Oudet Dara, Cambodian State Secretary of Ministry of Commerce, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. About 300 guests including government officials, leaders of chambers of commerce, experts and scholars, entrepreneurs from the five Mekong countries and China as well as representatives of international organizations were present.

The symposium was supported by Chinese Public Diplomacy Association, the Commission for Friendship with Foreign Countries of the CPPCC Shanghai Committee, Shanghai Public Diplomacy Association and Asia-Pacific Daily. The symposium was hosted by Chinese Public Diplomacy Association, the Commission for Friendship with Foreign Countries of the CPPCC Shanghai Committee, Shanghai Public Diplomacy Association and Asia-Pacific Daily. The symposium was attended and addressed the symposium. More than 300 participants including government officials, entrepreneurs, experts and scholars, journalists from ASEAN countries and China and representatives from international organizations attended the event. The experts in various fields had discussions on topics including opportunities and challenges facing Chinese enterprises going into ASEAN countries under the Belt and Road Initiative, trade and investment facilitation in the China-ASEAN Free Trade Zone, and people-to-people exchange strengthened by Chinese enterprises’ business activities. Representatives from Consulates-General of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam also addressed the symposium and introduced trade and investment policies and business environment of their countries.

Attended the China-ASEAN Youth Entrepreneurs Belt and Road (Fangchenggang) Economic and Trade Exchanges in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

From 26 to 27 September 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, attended the China-ASEAN Youth Entrepreneurs Belt and Road (Fangchenggang) Economic and Trade Exchanges in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The activities were co-organized by China Young Entrepreneurs Association, the People’s Government of Fangchenggang and Guangxi District Committee of the Communist Youth League. About 200 representatives including Mr. Liao Liyong, Deputy Secretary of Fangchenggang Party Committee, Mr. Yi Bin, Vice Chairman of Guangxi Young Entrepreneurs Association, Mr. Zhen Shengjin, Vice Chairman of Guangxi Youth Association and Chairman of Guangxi Young Entrepreneurs Association, Mr. Kosavian, Chairman of ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Association, officials of Consulates-General of Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar and Thailand in Nanning, as well as young entrepreneurs from ASEAN Member States and provinces of China attended the event. The participants had discussions on topics including ASEAN-China economic and trade cooperation, the latest development of CCI-Southern Transport Corridor and ASEAN-China connectivity and capacity investment cooperation. The participants also joined the field visits to Fangchenggang’s cross-border trade ports and major projects such as cross-border fruits and cold chain logistics.

Co-hosted the Launching Ceremony of the China (Sichuan)-ASEAN Free Trade Cooperation Center in Chengdu (Shuangliu)

On 18 October 2018, ACC co-hosted the launching ceremony of the China (Sichuan)-ASEAN Free Trade Cooperation Center with Chengdu Shuangliu District Government in Chengdu, Sichuan province. Mme. Liu Xiaoliu, Vice Mayor of Chengdu, H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the ceremony. Mr.
Han Yi, Secretary of Chengdu Shuangliu District Party Committee, Mme. Zhang Ruiqin, Deputy Head of Shuangliu District and about 200 representatives of ASEAN embassies in China and consulates in Chengdu, relevant government departments, international organizations, business associations and media attended the ceremony. Secretary-General Chen Dehai and Secretary Han Yi jointly unveiled the nameplate of the Cooperation Center. Minister Counsellors and Counsellors in charge of trade and investment of the Embassies of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Viet Nam in China made presentation on trade and investment environments and related policies of their respective countries. The guests also witnessed the signing of relevant cooperation agreements. The Cooperation Center will serve as a new platform for Chengdu and Sichuan to expand mutually beneficial cooperation with ASEAN and accelerate the Westward and Southward Opening-up.

【 3. Outcomes 】

This Programme proved to be an effective way to promote trade and investment cooperation between ASEAN and China, and was warmly welcomed by the governments and business circles of both sides. The above activities have provided authoritative channels for ASEAN and Chinese business communities to understand each other’s trade and investment policies, provided opportunities to interact directly with government officials in charge of economic affairs of both sides, and encouraged investment in each other’s markets. By holding and supporting activities in local provinces and regions of China, ACC helped ASEAN participants get first-hand information on the local business environments by seeing with their own eyes. Besides, ACC also helped local provinces and regions in China connect with ASEAN countries and encouraged local enterprises and individuals to invest in ASEAN. The activities have built a bridge between ASEAN and China, especially the Southwestern and inland China, therefore laid a stable foundation for business matching and facilitating easier access to each other’s market.

“Going ASEAN—Investment Promotion Tours”

【 1. Background 】

The advantages of geographic location, low cost of labour, abundant resources and favourable investment environment have made Chinese investors regard ASEAN as one of the best investment destinations. ASEAN Member States have established many industrial parks and special economic zones to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Meanwhile, the Chinese government has given its support to ASEAN’s development. Chinese businessmen showed their bigger interests to invest in ASEAN. More and more investment from China has contributed not only to local economic growth but also to local employment. In 2018, ACC continued organizing investment missions and holding business matching activities in ASEAN Member States to provide guidance to Chinese investors.

【 2. Activities 】

(1) Organized Trade and Investment Mission to Viet Nam

From 31 July to 3 August 2018, ACC organized an investment mission of Jilin province to Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. The mission was led by Mr. Bayanqolu, Party Secretary of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, and was joined by about 20 representatives of key enterprises in Jilin. During the stay in Ho Chi Minh City, ACC co-organized the China (Jilin)-Viet Nam Trade & Investment Forum with the government of Jilin province and Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI).

At the Forum, Mr. Bayanqolu stated that the friendly relationship between China and Viet Nam, which has flourished with the unremitting efforts and intelligence of several generations, needed continuous treasuring and maintenance of both sides. Mr. Guo Chuanwei introduced ASEAN-China and Viet Nam-China economic relations. Mr. Vo Tan Thanh, Vice Chairman of VCCI, gave presentation on Viet Nam’s investment environment and preferential policies. Nearly 200 representatives of chambers of commerce, enterprises and media from both China and Viet Nam participated in the event. Vietnamese enterprises had exchanges and business matching with Jilin enterprises including Jilin First Automobile Works Group Corporation, China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation (CRRC) Changchun Railway Vehicle, Jilin (FAW) De Yun Electric, Hongda Hi-tech Group, Zhongtong Guomai Communication and Changchun Natural Gas in...
areas of smart manufacturing, modern agriculture, health and electronic information.

During the visit in Ho Chi Minh City, ACC paid courtesy calls on Mr. Wu Jun, Chinese Consul-General, Mr. Wei Xichen, Commercial Counsellor of Chinese Consulate-General in Ho Chi Minh City and Ms. Wu Meifeng, Secretary General of Viet Nam Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

(2) Organized Trade and Investment Mission to Myanmar

From 4 to 6 August 2018, ACC organized an investment mission of Jilin province to Yangon, Myanmar. The mission was led by Mr. Bayanqolu, Party Secretary of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, and was joined by about 20 representatives of key enterprises in Jilin. During the stay in Yangon, Mr. Guo Chuanwei attended the Jilin Promotion Seminar and the Networking Saloon with the overseas Chinese in Myanmar from all circles. Mr. Bayanqolu spoke highly of the overseas Chinese as they are an important contributor for Myanmar economic growth and become linkage of bilateral exchanges and cooperation of the two sides. He hoped to further promote exchanges and cooperation between Jilin province and Myanmar for win-win results. Ms. Li Xiaoyan, Charge d’affaires of Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, believed that bilateral cooperation between Jilin province and Myanmar will enhance people-to-people friendship. Mr. Wu Jiyan, Chairman of Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Li Bobo, Executive Chairman of China-Myanmar Exchange and Cooperation Association encouraged the overseas Chinese in Myanmar to strive for more fruitful achievements. CEOs of key enterprises of Jilin including FAW Group Corporation and CRRC Changchun Railway Vehicle gave presentation on the Promotion Seminar and had in-depth exchanges with Myanmar companies to advance more cooperation.

【 3. Outcomes 】

By organizing the investment missions, arranging meetings with ASEAN government sectors, business associations and local enterprises, and organizing field visits to local industrial parks in ASEAN countries, ACC helped the Chinese businessmen get first-hand and authoritative information about ASEAN markets, forge links with their counterparts in ASEAN and facilitate SMEs of both sides to seek business opportunities in trade and investment cooperation, and therefore, actively participate in the Belt and Road building. During the trips, some enterprises made initial decisions to set up businesses in the above-mentioned countries, and some enterprises formulated their investment plans afterwards. Besides, ACC established good relationship with ASEAN government departments and chambers of commerce through co-organizing activities, laying a solid foundation for mutual support and further cooperation.

Strengthening ASEAN-China Sectoral Cooperation

【 1. Background 】

The upgraded CAFTA and the Belt and Road Initiative brought new opportunities to ASEAN-China economic cooperation. The leaders of ASEAN and China have reached important consensus on enhancing the liberalization and facilitation of bilateral trade and investment. In this connection, it is very important to explore more effective ways and platforms to market ASEAN and China’s featured products, establish connections among the business circles, relevant governments and sectoral associations, and provide authoritative information on trade and investment opportunities of both sides. In order to tap the potential and promote cooperation in different industries, ACC organized and participated in a series of activities focusing on regional interest and concerns such as science and technology, innovation, cross-border economy, new and renewable energy and smart cities to promote ASEAN-China all-round cooperation.

【 2. Activities 】

(1) Organized ASEAN Ambassadors, Commercial Counsellors and Business Community to Visit the Science and Technology Enterprises and Innovation Centres in China

a. Organized a Field Visit to the HIT Robot Group

On 17 April 2018, ACC organized a group of 20 senior officials from the Embassies of ASEAN Member State in China to visit the HIT Robot Group (HRG) in Beijing. Led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, the group visited the HRG industrial robots, service robots, specialized robots, intelligent cloud robots, emerging intelligent equipment as well as intelligent plant projects. All members of the group watched operation demonstration and showed great interest in robotic products. The group held an informal discussion with HRG. Heads of the latter introduced the company’s history of development, robot products and Research & Development (R&D) achievements. Minister Counsellors and Commercial Counsellors of the Embassies of Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Viet Nam had discussion with the company on the layout of overseas markets and the application scope of robot products.

b. Organized a Field Visit to the One Space Co.

On 17 April 2018, ACC organized a group of senior officials from the Embassies of Cambodia, Malaysia, Indonesia and Viet Nam to visit the One Space Co. in Beijing. Led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, the group visited the Rocket R&D Centre of the company and focused on the latest launch vehicles. The group had a meeting with the company and its heads gave an overview of the company’s history of development, products and R&D strength. Minister Counsellors and Commercial Counsellors of the Embassies of ASEAN Member States exchanged views with the company on the layout of the ASEAN markets.

c. Organized Officials of the Embassies of ASEAN Member States to Visit the 2018 World Robot Conference

On August 15 2018, ACC organized Commercial Counsellors and officials of the Embassies of ASEAN Member
States including Malaysia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Cambodia to visit the 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) in Beijing. With a total exhibition area of 50,000 square meters, the 2018 WRC consists of several exhibition areas for industrial robots, core components, service robots, artificial intelligence and special robots. More than 160 high-tech enterprises including SIASUN, HRG, ABB, FANUC, Yaskawa Shougang, GSK, SMC, Softbank, Kollmorgen and WASU participated in this year’s exhibition with cutting-edge scientific research achievements and applications. Led by Mr. Guo Chuangwei, TID Director, the group observed the demonstrations of HRG’s products such as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Firefighting Robots, Medium Reconnaissance Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Robots, Web-carving Robots, 3D Cervical Vertebra Rehabilitation Robotics and Light Load Indoor Lidar Navigation Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV), and exchanged views with HRG managers at the booth.

(2) Co-hosted or Participated in Specialized Trade Exhibitions and Forums to Strengthen Cooperation in Industry Sectors

a. Attended the 2018 Belt and Road Logistics Forum on CCI-Southern Transport Corridor

On 27 April 2018, the ACC representative attended the 2018 Belt and Road Logistics Forum on China-Singapore Connectivity Initiative (CCI)-Southern Transport Corridor in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Huang Weijing, Vice Governor of the People’s Government of Guangxi, Mr. Zhang Wei, Vice Chairman of CCPIIT, Mr. Teo Siong Seng, Chairman of Singapore Business Federation (SBF), and senior representatives from China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing, China Transport Association Intermodal Branch, COSCO Shipping Logistics, China Railway Container Transport and World Road Transport Organization gave keynote speeches at the forum. Nearly 300 representatives and experts from logistics enterprises and business associations of China, ASEAN, the United States, Germany and other countries attended the forum. Under the theme of New Opportunities for the International Logistics along the CCI-Southern Transport Corridor, the forum held dialogues on topics including the Corridor and the world logistics pattern, analysis of world logistics situation, new policy and model of cooperation on the Corridor, business opportunity of the Sino-Europe Railway Express (Qinzhou). The forum also witnessed the signing of the MoU on China-ASEAN Multimodal Transport Alliance.

b. Attended the 9th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire & Auto Accessory Exhibition and the “Invest in Guangrao” Foreign Cooperation Promotion & China (Dongying) – ASEAN Trade and Investment Meeting

From 14 to 16 May 2018, the ACC representative attended the 9th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire & Auto Accessory Exhibition in Guangrao, Shandong province and assisted in inviting Commercial Counsellors of the Embassies of Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam to attend the exhibition and relevant activities. Ms. Ren Airong, Vice Governor of Shandong Province attended the opening ceremony and delivered keynote remarks. More than 200 people including representatives from China Rubber Industry Association, China Chamber of Commerce of Metals Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters and entrepreneurs from participating countries attended the ceremony.

On 16 May 2018, the ACC representative attended the “Sun Tzu’s Hometown – Invest in Guangrao” Foreign Cooperation Promotion & China (Dongying) – ASEAN Trade and Investment Meeting. Mr. Liang Runsheng, Secretary of the Guangrao County Party Committee, attended and addressed the meeting. Senior officials of Guangrao County Government gave presentation on the investment and development environment in Guangrao, key industrial parks, ten major industries for cooperation and key recommending projects. Commercial Counsellors of the Embassies of Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam and representatives from enterprises and business associations made remarks on promoting practical cooperation and strengthening investment between ASEAN and China. Ten investment and cooperation projects were signed on the site, with a total sum of RMB 7.2 billion. The ACC representative also joined a field visit to the local rubber tire manufacturing enterprises.

c. Attended the East Asia Summit New Energy Forum / China-ASEAN New Energy Forum

From 29 to 30 August 2018, the ACC representative attended the East Asia Summit New Energy Forum / China-ASEAN New Energy Forum in Kunming, Yunnan province. The Forum was co-hosted by the Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology of China (MOST) and Yunnan Provincial Science and Technology Department. Mme. Li Songlin, Party Secretary of Yunnan Provincial Science and Technology Department and Mr. Cai Jianing, Deputy Director-General of Department of International Cooperation of MOST attended the forum and made remarks. More than 200 representatives from science, technology and innovation authorities, industries, academia, enterprises, international organizations and media from China and ASEAN countries as well as Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, Australia, the United States and other countries attended the Forum.

The Forum consisted of keynote speeches, think-tank dialogue and parallel sessions on thematic areas, pattern and strategy of cooperation. Under the theme of New Energy, New Opportunity and New Prospect, experts and energy scholars from research institutions in Australia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and the United States introduced...
their new energy proposals and research results.

d. Attended the 16th China International Trade Fair for the Grain and Oil Products, Equipment and Technology

From 28 to 30 September 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 16th China International Trade Fair for the Grain and Oil Products, Equipment and Technology in Changsha, Hunan province. Mr. Han Weijiang, Party Member and Deputy Administrator of China Grain and Material Reserves Administration, Mr. Ren Zhi, Vice Chairman of China Grain Industry Association attended the opening ceremony and delivered keynote remarks. The fair covered an exhibition area of 380,000 square meters. Over 400 domestic and overseas enterprises participated in the Fair. Invited specialists discussed on hot issues such as high-quality rice production and rice promotion model at the 2018 Rice Industry Development Seminar held during the fair.

e. Attended the 6th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific

On 25 October 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, participated in the 6th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific in Wuhan, Hubei province. The Forum was co-hosted by UN Center of Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM), China Agricultural Machinery Distribution Association (CAMDA), China Agricultural Mechanization Association (CAMA) and China Association of Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers (CAMM). Governments officials, representatives of chambers and associations and experts from Asia and the Pacific region including China, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, India and Sri Lanka attended the event. The invited guests briefed on agricultural production, trade, the role of government in agricultural mechanization as well as problems emerged, and discussed on how to give full play to the private sector and promote the level of sustainable agricultural mechanization.

f. Attended the First China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative Financial Summit

On 2 November 2018, the ACC representative attended the first China-Singapore (Chongqing) Connectivity Initiative Financial Summit in Chongqing. Mr. Tang Liangzhi, Mayor of Chongqing, Mr. Meng Wenlong, Managing Director of Monetary Authority of Singapore, Mr. Huang Hong, Vice Chairman of China Banking Regulatory Commission, Mr. Fang Xinghai, Vice Chairman of China Security Regulatory Commission, Mr. Zhang Xin, Deputy Administrator of State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE), attended the opening ceremony and delivered keynote speeches. Top leaders from more than 50 Chinese and foreign financial institutions such as China Bank of Commerce and Industry, China Construction Bank, People’s Insurance Company (Group) of China Limited, Silk Road Fund, China Merchants Group, Singapore Exchange Ltd., as well as governors of central banks of 7 ASEAN Member States and leaders from 11 provinces and cities in Western China attended the Summit. The participants also attended the round-table meetings and discussed on “Financial Cooperation in China-Singapore Connectivity Land and Sea New Path under the frame work of the Belt and Road Initiative”, 46 Chinese and Singapore enterprises reached agreement on 36 cooperation contracts during the summit.

g. Attended the 2018 World Ocean Week in Xiamen

On 2 November 2018, the ACC representative attended the 2018 Xiamen International Ocean Forum in Xiamen, Fujian province. Mr. Frederic Loua, Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy of Guinea, Mr. Zhang Zhi, Director-General of International Cooperation Department of Ministry of National Resources, Mr. Zhong Sheng, Deputy Director-General of Fujian Provincial Bureau of Ocean and Fisheries, attended and addressed the ceremony. About
800 participants including representatives of maritime sector and enterprise, experts and scholars of China and more than 30 countries attended the forum. With the theme of “All Together for A Shared Sustainable Ocean”, experts and scholars from universities and institutions of China, Indonesia, Japan, Thailand and Turkey as well as representatives of international organizations expressed their views on blue growth and blue economy under the framework of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, marine science, management strategy on marine sustainable development, promotion of integrated coastal zone management and regional integration of the East Asian Seas. During the forum, the attendees also visited the exhibitions of China-ASEAN College of Marine Sciences and the Selected Award-winning Works of Marine Culture Contests for Students of Chinese Colleges and High Schools.

During the Ocean Week, the ACC representative attended the Forum on the Frontier Issues of Global Ocean Governance and the 2nd Grandview Institution-ASEAN Think Tanks Dialogue. More than a dozen ocean scholars and marine management professionals from China, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam conducted in-depth interpretations and discussions on the frontier issues of global ocean governance, such as marine order, marine ecology, blue economy and marine cooperation in the South China Sea as well as China’s role in regional marine cooperation.

(3) Participated in Regional Activities and Activities Organized by International and Regional Organizations

a. Attended the 15th ASEAN Leadership Forum

On 28 April 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, attended the 15th ASEAN Leadership Forum in Singapore. Themed with “Future Proofs ASEAN: Strengthening Resilience, Promoting Innovation & Moving Forward the Digital Space”, the forum consisted of the Economic Ministers Roundtable and four parallel tracks.

At the Economic Ministers Roundtable, invited guests including H.E. Dr. Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State for the Ministry of Trade & Industry of Singapore, H.E. Pan Sorasak, Cambodia Minister of Commerce, H.E. Khemmani Pholsena, Lao Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. U Aung Htoo, Union Deputy Minister for Commerce of Myanmar, H.E. Enggartiasto Lukita, Indonesian Minister of Trade, and Dr. Bernard Chan, Under-Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of HK SAR, briefed on the development and challenges that MSMEs faced and considered it necessary for the governments to support the MSMEs by issuing plans or taking actions to address the current issues and future challenges, so as to create a favorable environment for MSMEs and other business.

b. Attended the 10th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum

On 24 May 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, attended the 10th Pan-Beibu Gulf (PBG) Economic Cooperation Forum held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Nearly 500 participants including Ma Biao, Vice Chairman of CPPCC National Committee of China, Lu Xinshe, Secretary of CPC Guangxi Committee, Chen Wu, Governor of Guangxi People’s Government, Gao Yan, then Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce of China, Tan Wu Meng, Senior Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade & Industry of Singapore, as well as other government officials and representatives from business circles, think tanks and media from both China and ASEAN countries, attended the event. Participants deeply explored how to develop new routes for land and maritime trade, and practically push forward to building a closer ASEAN-China Community with a shared future. Mr. Guo Chuanwei also attended the China-ASEAN Port Cities Cooperation Network Work Conference during the forum.
c. Attended the 2nd Meeting of Joint Working Group on Cross-Border Economic Cooperation under Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC)

From 19 to 20 June 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 2nd Meeting of Joint Working Group on Cross-Border Economic Cooperation under Mekong-Lancang Cooperation in Kunming, Yunnan province. Delegations from Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam attended the meeting. The meeting focused on the implementation of the Joint Ministerial Statement among Mekong-Lancang Countries on Strengthening Cross-Border Economic Cooperation released during the 2nd MLC Leaders’ Meeting in January 2018 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The participants actively discussed and proposed cooperation suggestions on enhancing trade promotion, promoting trade facilitation and increasing trade volume. The draft of the Initiative on Smart Trade Network Cooperation under the Framework of MLC was discussed at the meeting.

d. Attended the 2018 Mekong Forum

From 2 to 3 August 2018, the ACC representatives attended the 2018 Mekong Forum in Khon Kaen, Thailand. The forum was initiated and sponsored by the Mekong Institute (MI). Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee, former Minister of Energy and Minister of Commerce of Thailand and Chairman of MI Steering Committee, Mr. Zhang Guohua, Vice Governor of Yunnan province, attended and addressed the forum. More than 200 representatives from the governments of the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) countries, diplomatic missions in Thailand, international organizations, enterprises, scholars and media were present.

With the theme of “Turnarounds and Takeoffs: Speeding Up Competitiveness and Connectivity in the GMS”, the speakers held heated discussions on topics including the fast-changing needs of the region and world, enhancing competitiveness through innovation, fostering greater connectivity in the GMS.

e. Attended the 40th and 42nd East Asia Business Council (EABC) Series Meetings

From 15 to 17 January 2018, the ACC representatives attended the 40th East Asia Business Council (EABC) Meeting and participated in the working groups of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), E-commerce, MSME and other related meetings. These meetings were chaired respectively by Mr. Phairush Burapachaisri, Vice Chairman of Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand, Mr. Jeffret Goh, CEO of Network for Electronic Transfers (Singapore) Pte Ltd, and Mr. Xu Liang, Deputy Director-General of CCPIT. More than 40 participants from members of EABC, ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) etc., attended the events. The ACC representatives briefed on ACC’s ongoing activities in 2018 and the working plan to promote MSMEs, which was highly evaluated by the EABC members.

From 29 to 30 August 2018, the ACC representative attended the 42nd EABC Meeting and participated in the working groups of RCEP, E-commerce, MSME and other related meetings. The meetings were chaired by Mr. Phairush Burapachaisri, Vice Chairman of Thai Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade of Thailand, Mr. Jeffret Goh, CEO of Network for Electronic Transfers (Singapore) Pte Ltd and Ms. Lisa Ibrahim, CEO of Arkitek Ibrahim respectively. More than 40 participants from members of EABC, ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) and other parties attended the events. The meetings called for injecting business voice into RCEP, building capacity and enhancing integration among East Asian MSME through collaborations, and promoting innovation and development of digital economy.

f. Attended the 6th ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Programme

From 4 to 10 March 2018, the ACC representative attended the 6th ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Programme
in Yunnan province. The programme has been successfully held in China for five sessions by the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC). Nearly 80 participants including government officials, village leaders, experts and scholars from ASEAN Member States, China and R.O.Korea, and representatives of international organizations such as Asia Development Bank participated in the programme. The programme aimed to exchange experience and good practices of poverty reduction at grassroots level to enhance the capacity of village leaders and accelerate rural development in the region. Speakers from participating countries briefed on the poverty reduction approaches in their own countries, including relevant policies, best practices as well as problems and difficulties. Intensive interactions and fruitful discussions followed each speaker’s briefing during the whole process.

The participants also paid field visits to both Huilong Village of Mengla County and Hebian Village of the Mengban Township. They made an observation on the ecological agriculture program at Huilong Village. They also traveled to the Hebian Village and experienced the rural tourist programme named “Yao Mama’s Guesthouse” by staying with the local ethnic Yao households.

g. Attended the 12th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction
From 27 to 29 June 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 12th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction in Manila, the Philippines. The forum was co-hosted by the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC) and the National Anti-Poverty Commission of the Republic of the Philippines (NAPC). With the theme of “Deepen Poverty Reduction Partnership, Build ASEAN-China Community with a Shared Future”, the forum aimed to share development experience of China and ASEAN to pursue win-win results and to promote regional cooperation. More than 120 participants, including governmental officials, experts and scholars, journalists from ASEAN countries and China, and representatives from international organizations participated in the forum and proposed constructive suggestions on innovations for partnerships to address poverty in Asia and the jointly building of the poverty-free shared future of common development. The participants also paid field visits to several poverty reduction projects in the Philippines and got better understanding of the arduous tasks yet to be done in poverty reduction.

h. Attended the ASEAN Connectivity Workshop on Increasing Awareness of MPAC 2025
On 19 November 2018, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended and addressed the ASEAN Connectivity Workshop on Increasing Awareness of Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and supported by the Cambodian and Chinese governments in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Mr. Tauch Chankosal, Secretary of State and National Coordinator of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia, Mr. Kan Pradhi, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and International Cooperation, Mr. Pov Piseth, Deputy Governor of Siem Reap Municipal and Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Workshop and delivered remarks. About 150 participants including government officials and experts from ASEAN Member States and China, representatives of international organizations including the ASEAN Secretariat and the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank attended the Workshop. The participants discussed on the implementation of the MPAC 2025, role of relevant mechanism including ASEAN Connectivity Coordination Commission, opportunities and challenges of ASEAN connectivity construction. Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, briefed on ACC’s role in supporting the MPAC 2025.

During his stay in Cambodia, Secretary-General Chen Dehai was cordially met by Mr. Kan Pradhi, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia. Secretary-General Chen Dehai also had working exchanges with Mr. Khum Bunsong, Governor of Siem Reap of Cambodia and Mr. Zuo Wenzing, the Charge d’affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia, and paid a field visit to the China Aided Cambodia Rural Road Project (Phase I).

3. Outcomes

These activities have significantly raised the publicity of ASEAN-China cooperation and promoted cooperation in trade and investment, covering a wide range of areas including agriculture, production capacity, infrastructure, new energy, E-commerce and finance. The activities have further promoted exchanges and understanding among government sectors, business associations and entrepreneurs, research institutes and media of ASEAN Member States and China. The activities have enhanced the cooperation in areas of regional common interests including technology innovation, environment protection, sustainable development and people-to-people exchanges. ACC’s engagement in the fields such as green economy, internet-plus economy, creative industry, smart city and clear energy not only accorded with the theme of the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, but also explored the possibilities for future sustainable cooperation. By supporting each other’s programmes, ACC worked closely with other regional and international organizations and made full use of regional cooperation platforms to jointly promote the implementation of more ASEAN-China oriented projects.
CHAPTER II
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM
In view of the vigorous development in the areas of education, culture and tourism, there are greater needs to strengthen cooperation and exchanges in these areas. The ever-closer cooperation has promoted people-to-people exchanges, deepened mutual understanding and friendship and delivered tangible benefits to the people in the region.

To mark the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, ACC actively implemented a series of innovative and result-oriented projects and activities in the areas of education, culture and tourism with the strong support of ASEAN Member States’ Embassies in Beijing, ASEAN organizations and relevant institutions.

ACC strengthened collaboration on education in support of the 300,000 Student Mobility by 2025 and promoted youth exchanges and mutual learning as well as vocational education cooperation. ACC deepened and broadened the partnership with the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and gave full play to the role of the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) platform to expand scope of educational cooperation. ACC expanded cultural exchanges and promoted people-to-people exchanges through a variety of creative activities. ACC also initiated activities to promote ASEAN tourism resources and destinations, enhance tourism exchanges and cooperation, and improve quality of tourism services of ASEAN and China.

ASEAN-China Youth Exchange

1. Background

The younger generation is the future of ASEAN-China relations. ACC carried out various activities in the aim of promoting ASEAN-China youth exchanges that will provide opportunities for our future leaders to build networks, trust and friendship as well as deepen understanding and mutual trust between the youth of both sides.

2. Activities

(1) Hosted the 2017 ASEAN-China Youth Winter Camp

From 22 to 27 December 2017, ACC hosted the 2017 ASEAN-China Youth Winter Camp (ACYWC) in Changchun and Harbin, in cooperation with Jilin University (JLU), aiming to provide a platform for ASEAN-China youth to communicate with each other and experience the unique historical, cultural, natural and human resources of the northeastern China. It was attended by 33 university students from China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, as well as Japan and R.O.Korea, which was in line with the three centre’s cooperation (ASEAN-China Centre, ASEAN-Korea Centre and ASEAN-Japan Centre).

The Winter Camp was launched on 22 December in JLU. More than 150 participants including officials from the Ministry of Education of China, the Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Jilin province and Jilin Provincial Education Department, representatives from the Embassies of Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar and Viet Nam in China, 33 student campers, faculty members and students from JLU and other universities in Jilin province attended the opening ceremony. Then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping attended the event and delivered remarks.

The 8-day camp consisted of JLU campus tour, academic exchange and lectures themed as “the Belt and Road Initiative; Innovation and Entrepreneurship”, gala performance, campers’ get-together party, city tour in Changchun and Harbin, visits to famous enterprises, winter swimming show, experience of ice and snow including skiing, white Christmas and other activities characteristic of Northeastern China.

(2) Hosted the 3rd ASEAN-China Youth Forum

From 24 to 25 April 2018, the 3rd ASEAN-China Youth Forum was held in Jinan, Shandong province with the theme on technology and innovation. The forum was hosted by ACC and organized by Shandong University. It was attended by more than 200 participants including representatives from China Scholarship Council (CSC), Embassies of Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam in China, leaders from Shandong provincial government and Jinan municipal government, guests from the academia and business sectors as well as teachers and students from 17 universities in China such as Shandong University, Fudan University, and Beijing Normal University.

In the sub-themed sessions, students from ASEAN and China engaged in active discussions on how to serve the long-term development of ASEAN-China cooperation in future, centering upon topics including innovation and sustainable development, innovation and
regional collaboration and innovation and quality of life. It was the speakers’ consensus that technology and innovation are the dynamic drivers that can accelerate economic and social development and improve people’s living standard. Some students even reached agreement on carrying out joint business programmes. Attendees agreed that Chinese and ASEAN youth should join hands in strengthening the awareness of innovation and collaborative teamwork so as to give full play to the important role of the younger generation in achieving common development.

During the forum, the delegates also attended the 17th Shandong University International Cultural Festival. They visited the Research and Experience Centre of Traditional Chinese Culture of the University and the Qi Lu Software Science Park.

(3) Hosted the 2nd ASEAN-China Youth Summer Camp

From 10 to 16 July 2018, ACC hosted the 2nd ASEAN-China Youth Summer Camp (ACYSC) in Beijing and Chengdu by working closely with China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), Chengdu University, and the Office of Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs of Chengdu Municipal Government. 26 students from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, China and R.O.Korea participated in the Camp.

The opening ceremony was held on 11 July at ACC Secretariat in Beijing and was attended by over 50 participants including H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of Myanmar to China and representatives of 10 Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China and all the student campers. Secretary-General Chen welcomed all the campers and hoped that the camp could enable them to gain a deeper understanding of China’s economic and social development and become envoys of friendship between ASEAN, China and of Asia. Secretary-General Chen Dehai also attended the welcome event in Chengdu with Mr. Luo Qiang, Mayor of Chengdu, on the evening of 13 July. They encouraged the campers to learn more about Chinese culture through the rich and colorful activities.

The campers visited the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, the National Stadium, the Water Cube in Beijing, the Chengdu Museum, Kuanzhai Ancient Street of Qing Dynasty, the Panda Breeding Centre and other historical and featured sites with great enthusiasm. They attended courses at Chengdu University on Chinese culture, Chinese painting, creative photography, cartoon design, etc. The camp was successfully concluded on the afternoon of 15 July at Chengdu University.

(4) Sponsored Chinese students to Attend Summer Programmes with ASEAN Students in R.O.Korea and the Philippines

From 2 to 12 July 2018, ACC sponsored two Chinese university students to participate in the 2018 ASEAN-Korea Youth Network Workshop themed as “ASEAN and Korea Youth as Drivers of Global Digitalization” in R.O.Korea and the Philippines. The Workshop, hosted by ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), was participated by 70 students.

【3. Outcomes】

The Youth Forum received high praise and appreciation from participants of ASEAN and China. It provided a good platform for ASEAN and Chinese students to deepen mutual understanding, forge friendship, strengthen cooperation in technology and innovation, and better serve the sustainable development of ASEAN and China. Through the Forum, the students better understood the role innovation-driven development can play in regional and even global economic growth. They also discussed possibilities of organizing students' competition on innovation and would like to get ACC’s support to make it happen.

The ACYW and ACYSC provided a good opportunity for campers to exchange ideas and deepen understanding of China’s development, Chinese culture and Chinese people. Colorful exchange activities brought the young people closer and built profound friendship among them. It widened their mind and heart and increased the awareness of regional cooperation. All participants expressed their gratitude to ACC, willingness to contribute to ASEAN-China relations and hope for ACC to organize more events in future.

Sponsoring Chinese students to attend the summer programme with ASEAN students in R.O.Korea and the Philippines
was part of ACC’s efforts to support the youth exchanges under the “10+3” framework. The two Chinese students said the programme enlarged their vision and enriched their knowledge of how digitalization shapes life and society. They came to know better about opportunities, risks and implications of digitalization. They also benefited a lot from the cross-cultural exchanges.

Supporting ASEAN-Students Activities

【1. Background】

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang proposed the upgraded programme for the realization of 300,000 student mobility between ASEAN and China by 2025. In 2017, there were 95,000 ASEAN students studying in China, accounting for 19.42% of all international students in China, according to the statistics of the Ministry of Education of China (MOE). More and more ASEAN students choose China as their favourable destination to pursue learning and acquire knowledge. Thus, more opportunities need to be provided for ASEAN students to study in different Chinese higher education institutes. There has been an increasing need for exchanges among ASEAN students in China and greater interest in promoting their respective cultures. ACC organized regular activities with the support of ASEAN-China Language and Culture Centre (ACLCC) co-sponsored by ACC and Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU).

【2. Activities】

(1) Sponsored the Finals & Awarding Ceremony of Chinese Language Competition for ASEAN Students and the 6th New Year’s Gala for ASEAN Students

On 16 December 2017, ACC sponsored the Finals & Awarding Ceremony of Chinese Language Competition for ASEAN Students and the 6th New Year’s Gala for ASEAN Students in Beijing. The event was attended by 15 contestants who were selected from 120 ASEAN students in China after two rounds of competitions. Professional judges, leaders and officials from ACC, MOE, Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China and Chinese and ASEAN students from various universities of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei were present. The contestants presented their talents in Chinese language and gave art performances of different cultures. One champion, two second prize, three third prize and excellent prize winners were awarded with prizes, trophies, medals, certificates and souvenirs by leaders of ACC, MOE and representatives from Embassies of ASEAN Member States.

(2) Participating in the 2018 Freshmen Welcoming Ceremony of the College of Chinese & ASEAN Arts of Chengdu University

On 26 September, the 2018 Freshmen Welcoming Ceremony of the College of Chinese & ASEAN Arts of Chengdu University was held in Chengdu University. Almost 800 participants including Mr. Mao Zhixiong, Deputy Chief of Chengdu Municipal Cultural Administrative System Reform and Cultural Industry Development Leading Group, Mr. Wang Qingyuan, President of Chengdu University, Mr. Yu Junjian, Dean of the College and famous vocalist, officials of Consulates General of ASEAN Member States in Chengdu as well as Chinese and ASEAN students attended the ceremony. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), accompanied by Education Assistant Ms. Huang Yingying, attended the ceremony and delivered remarks.

Mr. Yu Junjian welcomed all the guests and thanked their great support to the college. Mr. Mao Zhixiong expected the College to strengthen international exchanges, cultivate more talents, and strive to be one of the most famous colleges in China and a window of cultural exchange and cooperation with ASEAN countries. Ms. Zhou Hui encouraged students to cherish the opportunity of studying in the College and draw a larger circle around themselves by experiencing more, discovering more and learning from each other. She called on students to be the goodwill ambassadors among countries, make further contribution to ASEAN-China friendship and promote a closer ASEAN-China community with shared future.
Following the ceremony, guests and international students watched a wonderful Gala named Chinese Drama on Campus and experienced the charm of Chinese traditional culture.

(3) Sponsored the 4th Beijing ASEAN Students’ Games
On the morning of 10 November 2018, the Opening Ceremony of the 4th Beijing ASEAN Students’ Games was held at Beijing Language and Culture University. H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, Mr. Zhang Baojun, Vice President of Beijing Language and Culture University, and representatives of the ASEAN Embassies in China attended the Opening Ceremony, joined by nearly 500 ASEAN students studying at different universities in Beijing. During the Opening Ceremony, students from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand presented splendid warm-up dancing performances. Subsequently, the ASEAN student athletes paraded into the sports field, led by the flag bearers wearing national costumes.

After the athletes’ parade, Vice President Zhang Baojun delivered a welcome address and encouraged all ASEAN students to study hard and make their own contributions to the common development and friendship between China and ASEAN. Mr. Goh Pai Shen, First Secretary of the Singapore Embassy in China, gave remarks on behalf of the ASEAN Embassies in China and spoke highly of the positive role of the Games in promoting the friendship among ASEAN students and enhancing their awareness of the importance of ASEAN-China relations. Ms. Kornkanok Sripinyo, a Thai student from Renmin University of China, led all ASEAN student athletes to take a solemn oath, promising to strictly abide by the rules and disciplines of the Games and conduct fair competition.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai delivered remarks and announced the opening of the Games. He stated that sports is a bridge to enhance friendship. The original intention of hosting the Beijing ASEAN Student Games is not only to achieve good results, but also to promote the spirit of sports through fair competition, and to enhance solidarity, mutual trust and friendship among ASEAN students. ACC will continue to support the work of ASEAN students in China, constantly promote practical cooperation in the field of education between China and ASEAN, and make new contributions to a better future of ASEAN-China relations.

All distinguished guests joined the athletes for a group photo and conducted exchanges with them. They also watched the track-and-field events and participated in fun sports.

The 4th Beijing ASEAN Students’ Games started since 3 November, hosted by ACC, organized by ASEAN Students’ associations in Beijing, and supported by Beijing Language and Culture University, were composed of seven major events, including basketball, football, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, billiards and track-and-field, which attracted the participation of more than 800 ASEAN student athletes.

On 18 November 2018, the Awarding Ceremony of the 4th Beijing ASEAN Students’ Games (BASG) was held at Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), joined by more than 300 ASEAN students from different universities in Beijing. During the ceremony, students from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam presented cultural performances. Subsequently, a video clip was broadcast on the spot, which led the audience to recollect the exciting moments of the Games from the opening ceremony to the various sports activities. The awarding began amid the expectation of all the ASEAN student athletes. ACC and BLCU representatives awarded medals to the winners of the 16 sports activities under the seven major events. They also joined the winners in group photos. Applause and cheers constantly burst out on the scene, with a warm and cheerful atmosphere.

(4) Attended the China-ASEAN University Students’ Cultural Week
On 25 November 2018, H.E. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the opening ceremony of the China-ASEAN University Students’ Cultural Week (CAUSCW) and delivered remarks. He said, the in-depth development of ASEAN-China relations calls for the concerted efforts from both sides, and the active participation of the younger generation of both sides. The China-ASEAN University Students’ Culture Week provides a meaningful platform for facilitating friendly communication among students, deepening mutual understanding, showcasing the unique culture of ASEAN, promoting in-depth cooperation among universities and strengthening people-to-people exchanges of ASEAN and China. He hoped young students could make full use of the platform to enhance exchanges and communication, and present the culture of various countries. He expected more Chinese and ASEAN young talents to actively devote to the friendship and cooperation of ASEAN and China, to carry on friendly exchanges, promote common development and build the ASEAN-China community with a shared future. Mr. Feng Honghao, Vice Mayor of Haikou City, and President Chen Xiao of Haikou University of Economics also delivered remarks.

The CAUSCW is the first of kind organized by Haikou University of Economics, with an aim to establish an international platform for China-ASEAN university students to exchange cultural appreciation, as well as to promote traditional cultures of various nations and ethnic groups. It will be an important event under the framework of Hainan Carnival 2019.
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[3. Outcomes]

The activities were warmly welcomed by ASEAN students and highly appreciated by Embassies and consulates general of ASEAN Member States in China. It facilitated exchanges and communication and fostered friendship among ASEAN students through the link of Chinese language and culture.

Mutual Exchanges between ASEAN-China Vocational Education Institutions

[1. Background]

Vocational education is becoming more important in social and economic development in ASEAN and China. Both sides attach great importance to vocational education and have the need to strengthen cooperation and exchanges. The promotion of ASEAN-China vocational education cooperation and partnership has become one of ACC’s flagship projects in recent years, and ACC carried out a series of activities in collaboration with relevant partners.

[2. Activities]

1. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the ACC-Yalong Donation to Cambodia Training Programme

On 5 March 2018, the opening ceremony of the ACC-Yalong Donation to Cambodia Training programme was held in Wenzhou, Zhejiang province. It was attended by almost 80 participants including officials from the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MOLVT) and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MOEYS) of Cambodia, faculty staff from Cambodian technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutes and representatives from ACC, Wenzhou Municipal Education Bureau, Wenzhou Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau, Yalong Intelligent Equipment Group Co., Ltd. (Yalong), Wenzhou Vocational and Technical College (WZVTC) and Zhejiang College of Security Technology. The ceremony marked the beginning of a month-long training programme in Wenzhou for the 19-people TVET faculty delegation from Cambodia to get familiarized with the operation of the donation equipment. Then ACC Education Officer Ms. Zhang Jing attended the programme.

2. Attended the Lancang-Mekong Vocational Education Forum

On 22 March 2018, the Lancang-Mekong Vocational Education Forum was held in Tianjin Sino-German University of Applied Sciences (TSGUAS). The forum was attended by more than 150 participants including officials from Embassies of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam in China, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, relevant departments of Tianjin municipal government, vocational colleges and universities of six Lancang-Mekong countries and relevant enterprises. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC attended the forum and discussed possibilities for future cooperation with the participants.

3. Facilitated the Handover of ACC-Yalong Education Equipment Donation to Cambodia

With ACC’s coordination and facilitation, the handover ceremony of ACC-Yalong Education Equipment Donation to Cambodia was held at the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training (MOLVT) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 21 May 2018. H.E. Dr. Pich Sophoan, Secretary of State of MOLVT, H.E. Mr. Im Koch, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MOEYS), then Secretary-General Yang Xiuping of ACC, Ms. Zuo Wenxing, Political Counsellor of Chinese Embassy in Cambodia, Mr. Chen Jisuan, President of Yalong Company, Ms. Pan Lingzhen, Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Wenzhou Vocational and Technical College, and representatives of the receiving TVET institutes in Cambodia attended the ceremony.

The donation included 10 sets of equipment i.e. YL-135 Electronic Technology Training System, which are mainly used in experiments such as recognition and detection of electronic components, welding of circuit board, assembly and debugging of electronic products and design of Printed Circuit Board chart. The TVET equipment and training programmes for the donation, worth 1,000,000 RMB, would be donated to vocational institutes affiliated to MOLVT and MOEYS of Cambodia.

After the ceremony, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC, accompanied Yalong and Wenzhou Vocational and Technical College representatives to visit the National Technical Training Institute and the Kossomak Polytechnic Institute and discussed the possibility of jointly-run TVET programmes in future. On the afternoon of 22 May, the meeting on the Strategic Partnership Agreement of setting up Cambodia-Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College-Yalong Silk Road College was held at the MOLVT. With the presence of all relevant parties, the meeting discussed and shared important views about putting forward practical and transparent cooperation to ensure the effectiveness of implementation of the agreement and to realize mutual benefits by advancing the cooperation in TVET to the next level.

4. Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programmes

From 26 to 27 July 2018, the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programmes was held during the 11th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW). This event was co-hosted...
by ACC, China Education Association of International Exchange (CEAIE), Zhejiang Provincial Department of Education, and the South East Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Centre for Vocational and Technical Education and Training (VOCTECH). Mr. Wei Guoman, Deputy Governor of Guizhou province, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Dr. Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Director of SEAMEO Secretariat, Mr. Zhao Lingshan, Vice President and Secretary-General of CEAIE, Ms. Jiang Qin, Minister counsellor of the Mission of China to ASEAN, Mr. Fang Jun, Deputy Director-General of Department of International Exchange and Cooperation of the MOE of China delivered opening remarks. Approximately 350 participants from governments, vocational colleges and enterprises of China and ASEAN countries were present at the event.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that more high-quality professionals and technicians are urgently needed by ASEAN and China. ACC has been devoting to fostering a long-term mechanism of ASEAN-China vocational education cooperation and encouraging in-depth practical cooperation in various forms. In 2017, together with CEAIE and SEAMEO VOCTECH, ACC inaugurated the ASEAN-China Consortium for TVET Cooperation and released the Guiyang Consensus, which was implemented effectively with concerted efforts of all sides. It will help further implement the China-ASEAN 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programmes for win-win outcomes.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai also conferred the awards to the partners of the first 20 ASEAN-China Vocational Education Successful Cooperative Programmes with other guests of honour and toured around the exhibition area. Representatives of the 20 pairs of colleges were invited to share their experiences in cross-border education, training models, industry-education collaboration and faculty and student exchanges. Participants from China and ASEAN countries had discussions on how to further promote institutional cooperation on faculty and student mobility, capacity building and jointly-run programmes.

(5) Paid a working visit to Wenzhou

To obtain a better understanding of the partners’ engagement in school-enterprise collaboration and further advancing ASEAN-China TVET exchanges and cooperation, then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping paid a working visit to Yalong Intelligent Equipment Group Co., Ltd. (Yalong) and Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College (WZVTC) from 20 to 24 June 2018. During the visit, Mme. Yang Xiuping had in-depth exchanges with high ranking representatives from relevant parties including Yalong Company, WZVTC, Wenzhou Foreign Trade Enterprises Association as well as Foreign and Overseas Affairs Office of Wenzhou. ACC delegation took a tour around Yalong’s Intelligence Manufacturing Experience Centre and Products Exhibition Hall, and visited the public service platforms and research centres for technology innovation of WZVTC, by which ACC had a clearer picture of the internationalization strategy of these two partners and their talent cultivation models, and became more aware of the importance in deepening ASEAN-China TVET exchanges and cooperation.

(6) Conducted Frequent Exchanges on TVET between ASEAN and China

ACC frequently receives guests from universities, governmental departments, vocational institutions and enterprises, during which boosting ASEAN-China TVET exchanges has always been a priority in the discussions. ACC is committed to expanding exchanges with stakeholders on TVET from ASEAN and China, including SEAMEO Secretariat and its designated regional centres, SEAMEO VOCTECH and SEAMEO Centre for Technical Education Development (TED), China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), and vocational institutions. While hosting or attending relevant activities, ACC usually conducts exchanges with TVET institutes and learnt about their demands while expanding connectivity with ASEAN counterparts.

(7) Participated in the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Education: An International Dialogue on Higher Education

From 13 to 15 October 2018, ACC representative attended the “Work with a Win-win Agenda, Create a Future with Wisdom” Innovation & Entrepreneurship Education: An International Dialogue on Higher Education held in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, China. The Dialogue was co-hosted by Vocational Education Committee of China Education Association for International Exchange and Innovation & Entrepreneurship Education Alliance of Higher Vocational Colleges in China and was organized by Nanjing Institute of Industry Technology. It was one of the follow-up activities of the 2018 National Mass Innovation and Entrepreneurship Week. The Dialogue was designed to commemorate the 40th anniversary of China’s reform and opening-up endeavour, contribute to the Belt and Road Initiative, deepen education reform, achieve quality development of higher vocational education and promote international cooperation on innovation and entrepreneurship. Participants actively shared experience on innovation and entrepreneurship education and discussed the respective roles and missions of governments, enterprises and colleges in innovation and entrepreneurship education. Nearly 300 representatives from 100 units attended the
event including World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) as well as vocational colleges, enterprises and industries from China and abroad.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended the opening ceremony of the Dialogue and launching ceremony of the second China-UK Belt and Road International Youth Innovation and Enterprise Skills Competition — iCAN International University Students Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition in China Division of Higher Vocational Challenge. She also attended the Innovation & Entrepreneurship Education Internationalization Forum, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Education Roundtable Forum and Principal Forum and visited Nanjing Institute of Industry Technology. During the event, she exchanged views with representatives from WFCP, China Education Association for International Exchange, Santirat International and Business Administration College of Thailand and other colleges. She highlighted ACC’s work in the field of education and discussed ways to establish contacts and strengthen cooperation.

【3. Outcomes】

ACC has been working down-to-earth as a bridge and facilitator to promote TVET collaboration. The Second Partnership Workshop for SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme facilitated the signing of 126 MoUs by education institutes. The China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum shared best practices and useful experiences of intercollegiate cooperation in TVET, which provides successful models for more TVET institutes to follow. These activities have further enhanced ACC’s profile as a link to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation in vocational education. More and more institutes resort to ACC as a reliable and effective platform to identify potential partners and establish TVET collaboration between ASEAN and China.

The ACC-Yalong donation of education equipment and training programmes will not only help accelerate the development of vocational education of Cambodia, but also contribute to ACC’s consistent efforts to narrow the gap of TVET development among ASEAN Member States. After the handover ceremony, the Strategic Partnership Agreement on setting up Cambodia-Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College-Yalong Silk Road College was signed by the three parties on 27 May 2018 in China, i.e. Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College of China, National Technical Training Institute of Cambodia, and Yalong Company.

The constant exchanges with TVET institutes, enterprises and local governments enable ACC to acquire a clear understanding on the new demands of the important players in TVET, which will be conducive to facilitating more programmes to foster ASEAN-China TVET exchanges and cooperation.

### CAECW and SEAMEO Collaboration Projects

The China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) have become major platforms and key links for promoting education cooperation between ASEAN and China. ACC collaborated with CAECW and SEAMEO in facilitating practical cooperation between ASEAN and China.

1. **ACC’s Contribution to CAECW**

【1. Background】

The CAECW has been an annual event since 2008. In 2012, ACC and Guizhou Provincial Department of Education (GPDE) formed a partnership to support the implementation of CAECW. ACC got SEAMEO’s support and contribution to the activities of CAECW in 2013, and the two became co-organizers of CAECW. Since 2013, ACC, SEAMEO Secretariat and GPDE have held annual joint meetings to design relevant activities for each year’s CAECW.

The 11th CAECW was themed “A New Beginning for Educational Cooperation, A New Future for Cultural Exchanges”. Held in Guiyang, Guizhou province from 25 to 30 July 2018, it was co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of China, the Ministry of Education (MOE) of China and the Guizhou provincial government and co-organized by Guizhou Provincial Department of Education, Guizhou Provincial Foreign Affairs Office, ACC and SEAMEO. According to the statistics of the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee of CAECW, around 2,880 guests, including education ministers, diplomats and representatives from international organizations, universities, colleges and the academia took part.

【2. Activities】

1. **Attended the 6th ACC-SEAMEO-CAECW Tripartite Meeting**

On 16 March 2018, the 6th ACC-SEAMEO-GPDE (CAECW) Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Gatot Hari Priowo Wirjanto, Director of
SEAMEO Secretariat and joined by then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping and Mr. Liu Baoli, Executive Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee of CAECW. The three parties reviewed activities during the 10th CAECW, shared their ideas and proposals of activities to be held during the upcoming 11th CAECW and discussed ways to ensure fruitful outcomes.

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(2) Co-hosted and Supported Seven Activities during the 11th CAECW

a. Supported the China-ASEAN Preschool Education Development Dialogue, which was held on 26 July 2018 in Guiyang, hosted by Guiyang Municipal Government and organized by Guiyang Preschool Education College. This event attracted more than 120 guests including officials and scholars from Australia, Canada, Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the US. Upon invitation, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the opening ceremony and gave remarks. He also witnessed the unveiling of the China-ASEAN Preschool Teacher Development Centre and the Belt and Road Vocational Education Training Alliance.

b. Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programmes, which was attended by around 350 participants from governments, vocational colleges and enterprises of China and ASEAN countries.

c. Supported the First China-ASEAN Forum on Innovation of Industry and Education Integration & Cooperation for Yalong Silk Road College, which was held on 26 July 2018, co-hosted by Yalong Intelligent Equipment Group Co., Ltd. Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College and Guizhou Vocational and Technical College of Water Resources and Hydropower. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the closing ceremony and delivered remarks. The forum welcomed 31 colleges from China and 35 institutes from ASEAN countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Thailand. The delegates conducted in-depth discussions on cooperation and six pairs of TVET institutes from ASEAN and China signed cooperation MoUs with Yalong Intelligent Equipment Group for industry-education integration. Unveiling ceremonies were also held to mark the establishment of Cambodia-Wenzhou Vocational & Technical College-Yalong Silk Road College, and Cambodia-Guizhou Vocational and Technical College of Water Resources and Hydropower-Yalong Silk Road College.

d. Attended the First Student Vocational Skills Competition of China-ASEAN Education Exchange Week, which was held on 26 July 2018. The competition was organized by Yalong Intelligent Equipment Group Co., Ltd. Ms. Zhou Hui, ECTD Deputy Director of ACC, attended the closing ceremony and conferred awards to the winning students with other guests of honor.

e. Supported the Second Annual Session of China-ASEAN Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Alliance of Universities-Global Innovative and Entrepreneurial Talent Training President Forum, which was held on 26 July 2018 and hosted by Guizhou Institute of Technology. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the closing session, which was comprised of the awarding ceremony of China-ASEAN Competition of Creative Public Service Advertising by University Students, the inauguration and membership awarding ceremony of China-ASEAN Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Alliance of Universities.

f. Supported the China-ASEAN Symposium on Capacity Building and Research Collaboration, which was held on 27 July 2018 and co-hosted by Tianjin University and Mahidol University of Thailand. It welcomed over 100 guests including experts, government officials and diplomats from ASEAN and China, and explored the future for bilateral collaboration in higher education. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai addressed the opening ceremony and witnessed the unveiling of the China-ASEAN Capacity Building Centre (CACBC) and the China-Indonesia Smart Ocean Centre (CISOC). CACBC was jointly established by Tianjin University and Mahidol University of Thailand, and CISOC by Tianjin University and Sepuhul Nopember Institute of Technology of Indonesia. In the following keynotes and university president round-table meeting, presidents and experts from universities of both sides shared their wisdom on deepening ASEAN-China cooperation on capacity building and research. The China-ASEAN Higher Education Training Programme and the Smart Ocean Forum were also held as sub-activities of this event.

g. Co-organized the Second Partnership Workshop for SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme, which was attended by more than 150 participants from over 40 Chinese institutes and 30 institutes of ASEAN countries.

(3) Met with Stakeholders during the 11th CAECW

During the 11th CAECW, ACC facilitated one-on-one meetings with important players in ASEAN-China education collaboration. On 28 July 2018, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Dr. Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Director of SEAMEO Secretariat. On 28 July 2018, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Chen Yan, Mayor of Guiyang. Both sides exchanged views on strengthening friendly cooperation between Guiyang and ASEAN countries. They agreed that ACC and Guiyang Municipal Government will sign a MoU for collaboration in due course to expand Guiyang’s
exchanges with ASEAN countries across the board. Secretary-General Chen also had extensive exchanges with representatives of the participating universities and colleges as well as governmental departments and organizations from both ASEAN and China. He met with Mr. Liu Baoli, Secretary-General of the CAECW Organizing Committee, Mr. Chen Li, Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Guizhou Province, Mr. Cao Guoyong, Secretary of the Party Committee of Beijing Jiaotong University, Mr. Li Yuenan, Deputy Director-General of Hainan Provincial Education Department, Mr. Yu Xuzhong, Former Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi and Representative of University of Sanya, etc. All guests expressed willingness to make contributions to deepen ASEAN-China educational exchanges.

【3. Outcomes】

ACC’s participation in the 11th CAECW has ensured the success of each activity it co-hosted or supported. Participation in the CAECW has also enabled ACC to obtain the latest information on the education front and a better understanding of the new momentum as well as new demands of ASEAN-China collaboration. Through in-depth exchanges with important stakeholders, ACC has pooled in more resources and broadened its scope of collaboration, which paves the way to design and conduct more flagship projects in the future.

The active participation of Secretary-General Chen Dehai has further raised the profile of ACC as a bridge to forge links between ASEAN Member States and China. Secretary-General Chen’s remarks, exchanges, meetings and discussions during the 11th CAECW promoted a deeper and more extensive understanding of ACC, explored new avenues and opened up new areas for future collaborations in the field of education between ASEAN and China. CAECW Participants from both sides have expressed high appreciation for ACC’s efforts and contribution.

II. ACC-SEAMEO Cooperation

【1. Background】

Since the establishment of official partnership between ACC and the SEAMEO Secretariat in 2013, the two sides have seen each other as a gateway to enhance cooperation and exchanges between China and ASEAN in the realm of education and culture. ACC has attended the annual meetings of SEAMEO since 2012 and collaborated with SEAMEO regional centres on various projects.

【2. Activities】

(1) Attended the SEAMEO Centre for Directors Meeting (CDM)

The SEAMEO CDM 2018 was held from 17 to 18 July in Bangkok to update and review collaborative activities, discuss future plans or new proposals, and network with other regional centres for future collaboration. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC, attended the CDM on behalf of ACC.

During the meeting, Zhou gave a presentation on ACC’s work in education and its efforts and progress in promoting ASEAN-China education cooperation. Zhou also presented new collaborative proposals for SEAMEO-ACC initiatives.

CDM is considered as a major mechanism to exchange information and explore cooperation opportunities among SEAMEO’s 26 regional centres, its 8 associate members, and 4 affiliated members and other invited partners. This year’s CDM attracted 83 participants. ACC’s participation and presentation received a lot of attention and appreciation. The SEAMEO Secretariat commended its collaboration with ACC, stating that SEAMEO-ACC partnership is one of the most fruitful, effective, and influential among its cooperation with other partners.

(2) Co-organized the Second Partnership Workshop for SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme

From 28 to 29 July 2018, the Second Partnership Workshop on SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme was held in Guiyang, Guizhou during the 11th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW). The workshop was hosted by SEAMEO Secretariat, and ACC was one of the co-organizers. More than 150 participants from over 40 Chinese institutes and 30 institutes of ASEAN countries attended the event. Dr. Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Director
of SEAMEO Secretariat, ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai, Mr. Liu Baoli, Executive Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the CAECW Organizing Committee, and Ms. Wang Hui, Deputy Director-General of Guizhou Provincial Department of Education addressed the opening ceremony.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that vocational education is an important component of national education system and human resource development. Strengthening ASEAN-China vocational education cooperation meets the needs of both sides. ACC attaches great importance to ASEAN-China vocational education cooperation and fully supports the SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme. He hoped all the participants could seize the opportunity, share wisdom and experience and learn from each other to produce more tangible outcomes.

During the two-day workshop, ASEAN and Chinese vocational education institutes fully shared information through face-to-face discussion and a total of 126 MoUs were signed. All the parties are committed to implementing the MoUs, complementing each other through collaborative partnership based on their respective advantage and building long-term cooperation between Chinese and ASEAN vocational education institutes so as to realize common development.

【3. Outcomes】

Through the above activities, the partnership between ACC and SEAMEO has been further strengthened. Relevant parties had more knowledge of ACC’s mandate and work on education and the exchanges raised mutual understanding on the new momentum in the development of education for ASEAN and China and respective priorities of the two sides, which will be conducive to designing and facilitating more collaborative programmes in the field of education in the future.

Mutual Appreciation through Cultural Exchanges and Interactions

【1. Background】

Both ASEAN and China are blessed with a long history and splendid cultures. Strengthening cultural cooperation is of great significance to enhance mutual understanding and appreciation and achieve common development. In recent years, people-to-people and cultural exchanges have become a new bright spot in ASEAN-China relations. 2018 marks the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership, so ACC took the opportunity to conduct colorful cultural activities to support and echo the themes of the year and promote cultural exchanges.

【2. Activities】

(1) Co-organized China-Viet Nam Traditional Spring Festival Pictures Exhibition

On 8 January 2018, China-Viet Nam Traditional Spring Festival Pictures Exhibition opened in Beijing, which was jointly sponsored by the Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC), International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MCST) of Viet Nam, ACC and the government of Beijing Xicheng District. Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Thien, Minister of MCST unveiled the exhibition.

The opening ceremony was attended by around 100 people including Mme. Tian Yan, the Standing Vice President of BPAFFC, H.E. Mr. Dang Minh Khoi, Viet Nam Ambassador to China, Mr. Xie Jinying, Director-General of the Bureau for External Cultural Relations of the Ministry of Culture of China, Mr. Sun Jianhua, then ECTD Deputy Director of ACC, representatives of traditional artists of Beijing and media. The exhibition was displayed at Beijing Xicheng Library and Changdian Temple Fair for one and a half month.

(2) Co-organized 2018 Beijing Belt and Road Cultural Tour Spring Festival Exchanges

The 2018 Beijing Belt and Road Cultural Tour was jointly sponsored by China People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and Association for Philippines-China Understanding (APCU) from 31 January to 4 February 2018 in the Philippines. ACC co-organized this event with Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC) and the government of Xicheng District of Beijing. Since 2016, ACC joined BPAFFC and
carried out a series of Beijing Cultural Tour in ASEAN (BCTA) project. In 2018, this annual cultural event was adjusted in connection with the Belt and Road Initiative, and the Philippines was the last ASEAN country to wrap up the five-year ASEAN-China cultural exchange project.

The activities were composed of Chinese intangible cultural heritage performances, skill presentations, interactions and photo exhibition of Beijing. The excellent performances were highly valued and warmly welcomed by the Philippine guests. ACC’s representative interacted with the participants and briefed on the programmes of ACC with a view to strengthening communication with the Philippine partners so as to jointly promote the Philippines-China and ASEAN-China friendly cooperation.

(3) Co-organized 2018 ASEAN-China Day Fair

On 24 August 2018, ACC and BPAFFC jointly hosted the ASEAN-China Day Fair in commemoration of the 51st anniversary of ASEAN and the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Mme. Tian Yan, Standing Vice President of BPAFFC, H.E. Mr. U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, H.E. Mr. Dang Minh Khoi, Ambassador of Viet Nam to China, Mme. Yang Mu, Counsellor of Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, diplomats from ASEAN Member States, media and representatives from various sectors from ASEAN and China, in total around 150 people attended this event.

The ASEAN-China Day Fair displayed unique cuisines and traditional cultural performances from ASEAN and China including ASEAN’s singing, dancing and musical instrument performances and China’s Peking Opera, acrobatic show, martial arts and tea art presentation. In a delightful atmosphere, the guests experienced the unique charm of ASEAN and China cultures and discussed the broad prospects for friendly exchanges and cooperation.

(4) Co-organized the 13th ASEAN-China Cultural Forum

From 10 to 13 September 2018, ACC co-organized the 13th ASEAN-China Cultural Forum in Nanning, Guangxi. Themed as “Towards Mutual Prosperity: ASEAN-China Exchange and Cooperation across Cultural and Creative Industries”, the forum was co-sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and co-organized by ACC. H.E. Mr. Yu Qun, Member of the Ministry Leadership, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, H.E. Mr. Li Bin, Vice Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, H.E. Mr. Samraing Kamsan, Secretary of State, Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, H.E. Ms. Dang Thi Bich Lien, Vice Minister of Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Viet Nam, and ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai delivered remarks. 250 people attended the event.

2018 is the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. As one of the series forums during the 15th ASEAN-China Expo, the ASEAN-China Cultural Forum perfectly echoed the theme of the year and provided a platform for representatives from both ASEAN and China to conduct discussion on the upgrading of cultural tourism industry, the deep integration of cultural creativity with science and technology, the inheritance and innovation of traditional culture and the development of small and medium-sized cultural enterprises. All guests put forward their constructive ideas, shared experience and discussed possibilities for cooperation to enrich and expand people-to-people exchanges in the future.

3. Outcomes

The above activities provided opportunities for ACC to have extensive contact with governmental officials, non-governmental organizations, experts, university professionals and local people of both ASEAN and China. With art as a bridge, ACC set up connections for the people of both sides to better understand the unique culture of each other, explore the future cooperation opportunities and deepen friendship among the people.

Common Development of Creative Production Capacity and Cultural Industry

1. Background

Cultural industry is taking up a bigger share in the industrial layout of ASEAN countries and China. One of the most effective measures to foster the inner driving force of cultural industry is to improve its creative production capacity. Although the development of culture and creative industry in ASEAN and China are at different stages, both ASEAN and China have the willingness, demand and potential to carry out cooperation. ACC made great efforts to explore new ways to promote common development of creative production capacity and cultural industry of both sides.
【2. Activities】

(1) Co-organized Chinese Gourmet Festival in Myanmar

With a view to celebrating the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and echoing the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, ACC upgraded the annual event of ASEAN Gourmet Festival into a two-way ASEAN-China gourmet exchange project in Beijing and Yangon in 2018.

The Embassy of China in Myanmar, the Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC), and the Beijing Capital Tourism Group (BCTG) joined ACC and co-sponsored the Chinese Gourmet Festival in Myanmar from 2 to 17 February 2018, covering the Spring Festival, with Beijing Minzu Hotel and Park Royal Hotel Yangon as organizers and the Embassy of Myanmar in China as a supporter.

“Spring Line: the first China Gourmet Festival” opened on 2 February 2018 at the Park Royal Hotel Yangon, Myanmar. Mr. U Sein Win Aung, Chairman of Myanmar-China Friendship Association, Mr. Lyying Sayaxang, Ambassador of Lao PDR to Myanmar, Mr. Khaled Mohammed, Ambassador of Egypt to Myanmar, Mr. Joao Freitas de Camor, Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Myanmar, Mr. Sun Jianhua, then ECTD Deputy Director of ACC, Mr. Tian Shanting, Cultural Counsellor of Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, Mme. Xia Minhui, General Manager of Beijing Minzu Hotel, Mr. Mark Losi, General Manager of Park Royal Hotel Yangon, representatives of Embassies in Myanmar, China and Myanmar Friendship Associations, entrepreneurs and media representatives from the two countries, totally 300 people attended the opening ceremony.

(2) Co-organized the 3rd ASEAN Gourmet Festival: Golden Land Myanmar

On 30 May 2018, the 3rd ASEAN Gourmet Festival: Golden Land Myanmar, jointly sponsored by ACC, the

Embassy of Myanmar in China and Beijing Tourism Group (BTG), opened at Beijing Minzu Hotel. Then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping, H.E. Mr. Aye Myint Kyu, then Minister of Culture of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. U Yee Mon, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, H.E. Mrs. Khek Cai Mealy, Ambassador of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Pirinya Khrmpen, Ambassador of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Dang Minh Khoi, Ambassador of Viet Nam, H.E. Mr. Taumitu Utatu, Ambassador of Tonga, Mme. Tian Yan, Standing Vice President of Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Mr. Yuan Shouyuan, Standing Vice General-Manager of BTG Home Inn Hotel Group, representatives from ASEAN Embassies, officials from relevant Chinese Governmental Departments and media, in total around 100 people attended the opening ceremony.

The 3rd ASEAN Gourmet Festival lasted for two weeks, presenting not only Myanmar cuisine, but also traditional handicrafts and unique features of its tourism.

(3) Supported the 13th China (Yiwu) Culture Products Trade Fair and Yiwu—the Belt and Road International Culture Development & Cooperation Initiative

On 27 April 2018, the 13th China (Yiwu) Culture Products Trade Fair (CCPTF), co-organized by Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MOCT) of China, government of Zhejiang province and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, was opened in Yiwu city, Zhejiang. After the opening ceremony, the launching ceremony of Yiwu-The Belt and Road International Culture Development & Cooperation Initiative was successfully held. ACC was the supporter to these two events and Mr. Chen Kesong, then Tourism Officer of ACC, attended the above events.

The 13th CCPTF was based on the new normal of economy and intended to connect “culture +” deeply with other industries. It took fusion and innovation as the theme, and set up eight exhibition areas, including central pavilion, cultural consumption hall, cultural expo creativity hall, innovative design hall, animation competition hall, heritage
museum, art museum, etc. 3,376 booths were displayed in an area of about 60 thousand square meters. 1,325 enterprises from 45 countries participated in the Fair.

The purpose of Yiwu-The Belt and Road International Culture Development & Cooperation Initiative was to jointly promote Yiwu’s exchanges with international companies in the fields of culture, art, education, tourism, and sports, and jointly enhance the pragmatic cooperation between Yiwu and the world. In the context of the China’s deeper strategic partnership with other countries, Yiwu hoped to strengthen the basis of regional cooperation, broaden channels of communication, enrich content of cooperation, let the culture of the world enter Yiwu, and let the culture of Yiwu go out to the world.

(4) Co-hosted the Launching Ceremony of the Cultural Documentary Dan’s Way
On the afternoon of 12 September 2018, the Launching Ceremony of the Cultural Documentary Dan’s Way with the theme A Heart Touching Tour Beyond Borders was held in Nanning, Guangxi. As one of the cultural activities during the 15th China-ASEAN Expo, the event was co-hosted by Mission of the People’s Republic of China to ASEAN, ASEAN-China Centre, Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Department of Culture of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Nanning Municipal People’s Government.

H.E. Mr. Chen Xiaodong, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, H.E. Mr. Liu Zhengdong, Vice Chairman of the CPPCC Committee of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, H.E. Mr. Zhou Hongbo, Mayor of Nanning City, H.E. Mr. Hoang Anh Tuan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Huang Xilian, Ambassador of China to ASEAN, envoys to the Committee of Permanent Representatives of ASEAN, and more than 300 guests from government departments, relevant institutions and media from ASEAN countries and China attended the launching ceremony. H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ASEAN-China centre (ACC), attended the event and delivered remarks.

A special panel interview was conducted afterwards, joined by H.E. Ambassador Ade Padmo Sarwono, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to ASEAN, Ms. Ju Dan, Journalist of Dan’s Way and Mr. Su Ming, Producer of Beijing Eleven Media Co. Ltd. together with Lucida, one of the major characters of the documentary. They shared thoughts and answered questions. The documentary was officially broadcasted in November 2018.

The signing ceremony of cooperation projects in culture and tourism between Nanning and relevant ASEAN countries was also held under the witness of distinguished guests.

[ 3. Outcomes ]

Cultural and creative industry development is on the rise across the world and has become a new growth area for the economy. The above activities provided authoritative channels for ASEAN and Chinese cultural and creative industry enterprises to interact directly with each other as well as with central and provincial government officials and encourage cooperation and investment in each other’s market.

【Children’s Cultural Enlightenment for Friendship and Cooperation】

【1. Background】

The younger generation is the future of ASEAN-China relations. The promotion of ASEAN-China children’s exchanges will provide a solid foundation for our people to build trust and friendship in future. ACC has carried out various activities to deepen understanding and affection between the children of both sides.

【2. Activities】

(1) Co-sponsored 2018 “Soong Ching Ling Cup” China-ASEAN Youth Football Friendly Matches
The friendly matches were jointly organized by China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, Chinese Football Association...
and ACC from 11 to 18 August 2018 at the National Football Training Centre in Xianghe, Hebei province. A total of eight U12 youth football teams from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam and China participated in it. Singapore sent an observer delegation to attend the event for the first time. In the end, Lao PDR won the championship, and Thailand and China won the second and third place. The most valuable player award was presented to Thailand. Lao PDR won the top scorer award and the top goalkeeper award. Myanmar received the fair competition award.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the closing ceremony and delivered remarks. He expressed thanks to all young players from both ASEAN and China for their active participation and wonderful performance. He said, football is one of the most popular sports in the world and youth is the hope of a country’s football development. ACC has been co-hosting this event with China Soong Ching Ling Foundation and China Football Association for three consecutive years, with an aim to strengthen ASEAN-China youth friendship and understanding through sports exchanges, promote the common development of football and contribute to the long-term development of ASEAN-China relations. He expected the young players to continue to participate in ASEAN-China exchanges and become envoys of friendship for ASEAN-China relations.

On 17 August, the young players from ASEAN and China went to Beijing, visited the Forbidden City and the China Science and Technology Museum. The guests also visited the books exhibition and experienced the Creative Theme Space of the Soong Ching Ling Science and Culture Centre.


(3) Updated ASEAN-China Youth Activities on the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children's Cultural Exchanges

The website was initiated by ACC in 2016 and designed to be a long-term platform for ASEAN-China children’s cultural exchanges. It introduces information of the exchanges and activities of children between the two sides. In 2017, this website posted 57 reports.

In 2018 ACC worked with China Daily to upgrade the website, and kept publicizing ASEAN-China youth activities in the fields of education, culture, sports, science, technology, and arts.

### 3. Outcomes

The above youth exchanges and activities strengthened ASEAN-China youth friendship and understanding through sports and cultural exchanges, opened a door and provided great opportunities for the children from ASEAN and China to learn their diversified cultures. By enhancing mutual understanding among the children, these activities also promote peace and stability of ASEAN-China relations for a long term.

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### 1. Background

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### 2. Activities

(1) Enriched Tourism Publicity Materials

Reprinted ASEAN Tourism Resources Promotion Materials. ASEAN, endowed with rich and diverse tourism exchanges between the children of ASEAN and China, enhancing the development of children’s books and improving their scientific innovation ability.

Mr. Hang Yuanxiang, Executive Vice Chairman of CSCLF, H.E. Mr. Loh Ka Leung, Ambassador of Singapore to China, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC and diplomats from Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, children publishing companies of ASEAN and China and children from both sides, in total around 100 people attended the opening ceremony. The children from Soong Ching Ling Peace Angle Art Group played wonderful performances. The guests also visited the books exhibition and experienced the Creative Theme Space of the Soong Ching Ling Science and Culture Centre.


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(1) Enriched Tourism Publicity Materials

Reprinted ASEAN Tourism Resources Promotion Materials. ASEAN, endowed with rich and diverse tourism
resources, is becoming a popular tourism destination for Chinese travelers. To further raise the profile of ASEAN and its potential tourism destinations, ACC reprinted 6000 copies of the 50 Golden Trails (Chinese version) and other promotional materials featuring the hottest ASEAN tourism resources. The materials were sent to relevant institutions, organizations and distributed in the tourism expos and fairs to help Chinese people get first-hand useful information about the charm of ASEAN tourism, which was warmly welcomed.

(2) Hosted ASEAN-China Tourism Exchange and Promotional Activities
a. Co-organized the Launching Ceremony of Documentary Hi! ASEAN — The Belt and Road Initiative of ASEAN, which was held on 20 April 2018 at Beijing TV Station (BTV), co-organized by ACC and BTV. H.E. Mr. Jose Santiago Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Philippines to China, Ms. Kong Roatromang, Director of ECTD of ACC and Mr. Li Lingtao, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of BTV attended the event and delivered remarks. Nearly 170 representatives from Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, relevant international organizations, tourism stakeholders and media were present.

The documentary not only recorded the living state of ASEAN people, but also presented the significance and value of the history and culture of ASEAN. It kept the important images of the common cultural treasures and was recognized as a wonderful and panoramic documentary of the humanities and history of all ASEAN Member States. The documentary was broadcast from late August to September of 2018 and reached out to more than 62.35 million families in China.

b. Co-hosted the 2018 ASEAN ‘Belt and Road’ Tourism Culture Exchange Week in Guiyang

The 2018 ASEAN “Belt and Road” Tourism Culture Exchange Week, co-hosted by ACC, Guiyang Municipal Government and Tourism Development Committee of Guizhou Province, was held in Guiyang, Guizhou province from 25 to 30 September 2018.

On the morning of 26 September, More than 400 guests including H.E. Mr. Wei Guoqian, Deputy Governor of Guizhou Province, H.E. Mr. Chen Yan, Mayor of Guiyang City, H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, H.E Dato’ Zainuddin Bin Yahya, Ambassador of Malaysia in China, H.E. Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of ASEAN-Japan Centre (AIC), H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC as well as representatives from Embassies of ASEAN countries in China and international organizations, government officials, experts, scholars, and representatives from tourism enterprises and associations of ASEAN countries and China, attended the opening ceremony. Secretary-General Chen Dehai addressed the opening ceremony and signed the Memorandum of Cooperation between ASEAN-China Centre and Guiyang Municipal People’s Government with Mayor Chen Yan. The distinguished guests also jointly unveiled the ASEAN-Guizhou (Guiyang) Tourism Culture Promotion Center.

In order to effectively promote tourism resources and explore business matching opportunities, a series of events including Guizhou (Guiyang) Tourism Promotion, ASEAN-Guizhou Joint Tourism Promotion Conference & Business Networking Workshop, and the Cambodia Night were held during the exchange week. Representatives from government departments, enterprises, industrial associations and relevant parties in the tourism sector of China and ASEAN conducted in-depth discussions on relevant cooperation and seek to enhance cooperation areas.

During the exchange week, Secretary-General Chen Dehai also had bilateral meetings with H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Wu Qiang, Vice Governor of Guizhou Province and H.E. Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of ASEAN-Japan Centre. They had extensive discussions on deepening practical cooperation.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai was also interviewed by 22 national and local media, including People’s Daily Online, Xinhua News Agency, China News Agency, Guizhou Television Station and Guizhou Daily. He elaborated on the current development of ASEAN-China relations and gave his insight on promoting practical cooperation between the two sides especially in the field of tourism.

(3) Supported the 5th Sichuan International Travel Expo (SCITE)

The 5th SCITE was held from 7 to 9 September 2018 in Leshan, Sichuan province. ACC was the official supporter of 2018 SCITE and Emei Global Summit.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai delivered remarks at the opening ceremony. ACC set up a well-designed pavilion, showcasing ASEAN tourism resources and promoting the unique culture of ASEAN through interactive activities including ASEAN tourism photo exhibition, ASEAN tourism quiz and distribution of tourism promotion materials of ASEAN.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai also attended the Emei Global Summit on Promoting Tourism Development and relevant activities including VIP Meeting and meeting with Mr. Zhang Tong, Mayor of Leshan. They had extensive discussions on deepening practical cooperation.

(4) Attended the 2018 China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition and Organizing the 2nd ASEAN-China Tourism Festival

The 2018 China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition (CAETE) was held from 25 to 28 October 2018 in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. ACC set up a booth at the Exhibition and organized the 2nd ASEAN-China Tourism Festival. The festival comprises of Tourism Forum on “Innovation and Technology Contributing to Sustainable Tourism Development” and interactive cultural and colourful activities at ACC booth including ASEAN tourism photo exhibition, ASEAN art performance, displayed ASEAN handicrafts, Chinese tea making demonstration, playing videos of ASEAN tourism documentary Hi! ASEAN, distributed the ASEAN tourism brochures, brief introduction of ACC and other publicity materials of ACC.

On 26 October 2018, the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd ASEAN-China Tourism Festival organized by ACC, was held at the ASEAN-China Centre booth in conjunction with the 2018 CAETE. Around 40 distinguished guests, including H.E. Mr. Thit Linn Ohn, representatives from the embassies and consulates of ASEAN countries in China, tourism stakeholders, media and local government officials in Guilin attended the opening ceremony. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the event and delivered remarks. The opening also featured wonderful eye-catching performances from Myanmar and the Philippines, and tea demonstration by China, which attracted great attention from international and local guests as well as the general public to visit ACC’s booth.
On the same day, the ASEAN-China Tourism Forum, with the theme of Technology and Innovation Contributing to Sustainable Tourism Development was held. It was co-organized by ACC and China Tourism Academy. More than 80 guests, including H.E. Mr. Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Mr. Zhong Lin, Vice-Chairman of Guin Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, representatives from the Embassies and Consulates of ASEAN countries in China, experts and representatives from the tourism industries and local media attended the event. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai addressed and opened the forum. Experts from the tourism industry, scholars, and representatives from the Embassies of ASEAN countries in China shared their experiences and views on technology and innovation in promoting ASEAN-China tourism cooperation and accelerating sustainable tourism development.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai and other ACC officials also attended the opening ceremony of 8th Guilin International Scenery, Culture & Tourism Festival, the opening ceremony of UNWTO & PATA Forum, and official opening ceremony of the 2018 CAETE and relevant sideline meetings and activities of the Expo and had extensive exchange of views with relevant officials on strengthening cooperation between ASEAN and China.

(5) Participated and set up booth in the 2018 China International Travel Mart (CITM)
On 16-18 November 2018, the 2018 CITM was held in Shanghai, which was co-organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China (MCT), Civil Aviation Administration of China and Shanghai Municipal People’s Government. The 20th session of CITM has attracted 2,245 booths, with 1,542 domestic exhibitors and 703 overseas exhibitors hailing from 107 countries and regions. ACC set up a joint booth with ASEAN Secretariat to further promote the ASEAN tourism resources. ACC booth showcased the photo of ASEAN tourism destinations, distributed the ASEAN tourism brochures, brief introduction of ACC and other publicity materials of ACC, which attracted hundreds of people each day.

During the CITM, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD attended the opening ceremony and relevant activities of CITM and met with local tourism enterprises as well as representatives of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations and discussed on strengthening tourism promotion of ASEAN and seeking way to upgrade tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China, so as to increase two-way tourists flow in the region.

(6) Attended Tourism and Relevant Activities and Conferences
a. Attended the 37th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2018, which was held from 22 to 27 January 2018 in Chiang Mai, Thailand and was attended by then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping. The theme was “ASEAN-Sustainable Connectivity, Boundless Prosperity”.

During the Forum, Mme. Yang Xiuping attended relevant meetings including the 47th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organization (NTOs), the 32nd Meeting of the ASEAN and Plus Three NTOS, the 21st Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers, the 17th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers, ASEAN Tourism Award and the opening and closing ceremony of the 37th ATF.

Mme. Yang Xiuping delivered remarks on the 21st Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers and exchanged views with the guests. ACC was awarded with the outstanding contribution to the "Visit ASEAN @50 Golden Celebration".

b. Supported the ASEAN+3 Conference on Interpreting Natural and Cultural Heritage Towards Quality Guiding and Satisfied Tourists, which was held on 6 March 2018 in Siem Reap, Cambodia and organized by Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia.

H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Cambodia Tourism Minister delivered opening remarks, followed by keynote speeches and lively discussion on 7 topics relating to quality guiding. ACC invited a Chinese scholar from China Tourism Academy to share her insight. Mr. Chen Kesong, then Tourism Officer of ACC was present at the conference and exchanged views with the participants.

c. Participated in the 2nd ASEAN Tourism Marketing Partnership Meeting (ATMP), which was held on 12 March 2018 in Manila, the Philippines and attended by Mr. Chen Kesong, then Tourism Officer of ACC. The meeting reviewed and discussed the vigorous development of ASEAN tourism and the success of “Visit ASEAN @ 50 Golden Celebration” Campaign, which further consolidated and deepened the good relations between ASEAN Member States and their tourism partners. There were great needs to further strengthen the communication, have closer cooperation, and jointly carry out tourism promotion activities to increase the awareness of ASEAN, so all parties wished to share plans in promoting ASEAN in the region. ACC’s representative gave presentation on ACC’s work in tourism and shared views on promoting ASEAN’s destination in China.

d. Attended the 2nd International Conference on the ASEAN Mutual Recognition of Tourism Professionals, which was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 20 to 21 June 2018. Cambodian Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Samdech Hun Sen attended the closing ceremony and made remarks. Cambodian Tourism Minister Dr. Thong Khon addressed the opening ceremony. More than 700 representatives, including government officials, scholars and experts, and tourism professions from ASEAN members states, China and Japan attended the event. Ms. Zhou Hui, ECTD Deputy Director of ACC attended the conference and exchanged views with the representatives.

Representatives discussed the topics including the quality of tourism, the role
tourism plays in promoting economic development, the mutual recognition on tourism professionals and its regulatory framework, etc. Through the establishment of mutual recognition mechanism on tourism professionals and matching it up with relevant vocational education standards and standardized recognition mechanism, ASEAN countries wish to enhance the quality of international tourism professionals across the region so as to meet with the demand of the tourism industry.

e. Participated in the World Tourism Alliance Dialogue on “City Tourism” during the International Mayors’ Forum on Tourism (IMFT), which was held from 27 to 29 May 2018 in Zhengzhou, Henan province and co-organized by Ministry of Culture and Tourism (MOCT) of China, World Tourism Organization (WTO) and the government of Henan province.

H.E. Mr. Li Jinzao, Vice Minister of MOCT, H.E. Mr. Liu Wei, Chairman of the Henan Political Consultative Conference, H.E. Mr. Zhu Shanzhong, Executive Director of WTO, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.

Themed as “Quality Urban Tourism in the Age of Shared Economy”, the Dialogue focused on the needs to deepen international tourism cooperation, promote features of tourist cities and develop more quality urban tourism sites so as to enhance the level of tourism industry. Mr. Chen Kesong, then Tourism Officer of ACC, attended the event and exchanged views with the guests.

f. Attended ASEAN-Korea Tourism Investment Seminar, which was held on 8 June 2018 in Seoul, R.O.Korea, themed as “Tourism Investment Partnership for Sustainable Future”, organized by ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) and supported by ASEAN Secretariat, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MCST) of R.O.Korea and Korea Tourism Organization.

H.E. Mr. Lee Hyuk, Secretary-General of AKC, H.EDatuk Rashidi Hasbullah, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture of Malaysia, and H.E. Mr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. More than 100 representatives from Embassies of ASEAN Member States in R.O.Korea, National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) of R.O.Korea and ASEAN and international organizations attended the ceremony. Then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping and H.E Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) were also invited to the event and had deep interaction with the representatives.

The seminar reflected investment as a key driving force for the steady growth of tourism and the current trend of R.O.Korea and ASEAN tourism development in line with the practical needs of strengthening friendly cooperation so as to expand tourism investment in the region.

g. Supported and Participated Harbin-ASEAN, Japan and R.O.Korea Tourism Promotion, which was held from 7 to 10 June 2018 in Harbin, Heilongjiang province, hosted by Harbin Municipal Government, organized by Harbin Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office. The opening ceremony welcomed representatives from Cambodia, Japan, R.O.Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, local tourism enterprises and relevant stakeholders, around 150 guests. Mr. Zhang Wanping, Vice Mayor of Harbin, Mr. Ishizuka Hideki, Consul General of Japan to Shenyang and Ms. Yan Honglei, Director of Harbin Tourism Committee attended the Promotion. Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC, attended the ceremony and delivered remarks.

The Promotion was held on the sideline of 2018 China Heilongjiang International Ecological Tourism Summit and “Charming Harbin Summer” Tourism Culture and Fashion Event. The event provided an important platform for ASEAN, Japan, R.O.Korea to interact and expand cooperation on tourism, promote the features of Harbin in the region and deepen cooperation among sister cities of ASEAN and Harbin, which became an effective new mechanism for tourism collaboration in the region.

h. Attended the 48th Meeting of ASEAN NTOs and the 33rd ASEAN+3 Head of NTOs Meeting from 4 to 5 July in Kuala Belait of Brunei Darussalam. It is a routine meeting under the tourism cooperation framework of ASEAN countries with international organizations and the Plus Three countries. Ms. Kong Roatlomang, ECTD Director of ACC, gave a presentation during the 48th Meeting of ASEAN NTOs and exchanged views with representatives. She briefed on the active role ACC had played in terms of building and strengthening tourism partnership between China and ASEAN and exploring new effective ways to encourage more tourism exchanges and people-to-people exchanges. The 33rd ASEAN+3 Head of NTOs Meeting focused on deepening practical cooperation to upgrade tourism cooperation in ASEAN and Plus Three Countries. Mr. Chen Kesong, then Tourism Officer of ACC, also participated in the meetings.

【3. Outcomes】

ACC’s participation in the above events has enhanced ACC’s image and influence among the ASEAN NTOs, key stakeholders including international institutions, organizations and enterprises in the field of tourism. ACC has exchanged views with all parties through this platform, built friendly network and strengthened partnership.
1. Background

Promoting understanding and awareness of the characteristics of a market is highly beneficial to fully capitalize the market especially when it is growing. With the increase of Chinese travellers to the world, China’s travel market has been sought after by many countries including ASEAN Member States. In order to drive more Chinese travellers to ASEAN and help ASEAN tourism professionals provide better services, ACC organized ASEAN-China Tourism Capacity Building Project for several years, covering Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

2. Activities

Co-organized the Tourism Seminar on China-Ready

ACC carried out this activity in Singapore on 14 May 2018 to echo the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. The seminar aimed to promote the bilateral tourism industry and strengthen communication and exchange, enhance the understanding of each other’s tourism market and make contribution to bilateral cooperation in tourism.

Mme. Yang Xiuping, then ACC Secretary-General, Mr. Chang Chee Pey, Assistant Chief Executive of Singapore Tourism Board, Mr. Que Xiaohua, Cultural Counsellor of Chinese Embassy in Singapore, attended the seminar. ACC also invited four experts from Guilin Tourism University to provide a one-day course. They elaborated on Chinese cultural traditions and developing trend of China’s outbound tourism market, introduced the customs of Chinese outbound tourists with cases and shared the successful practices of attracting Chinese tourists to relevant countries.

3. Outcomes

The Tourism Seminar helped the participants improve their ability to adapt to the rapid development of Chinese outbound travel market and promote capacity building among key players in tourism industry, which contributed to providing better tourism services. Such tourism cooperation between ASEAN Member States and China also enhanced the competitiveness of ASEAN tourism products.

Chinese Language Training for Chinese Language Tour Guide Teachers from ASEAN Member States

1. Background

With the frequent two-way travels between ASEAN and China, more and more Chinese tourists are travelling to ASEAN Member States, which raised higher requirements for the reception level of related tourist services. Accordingly, the demand of Chinese tour guides in ASEAN is becoming stronger. During the 45th Meeting of ASEAN NTOs and ASEAN Tourism Forum, the representatives from ASEAN Member States also proposed to train Chinese language tour guide teachers and carry out teaching methodology collaboration with international organizations and universities.

In this regard, ACC organized language experts from prominent tourism universities and institutions from China to provide training programme for Chinese language tour guide teachers in ASEAN countries.

2. Activities

Co-organized three-day Chinese Language Training Programme for Chinese Language Tour Guide Teachers

From 17 to 21 July 2018, the first Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers (CLCTGT) was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, co-organized by ACC and the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism of Brunei Darussalam (MPRT).

Mr. Wardi bin Haji Mohammad Ali, Deputy Permanent Secretary of MPRT, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, ECTD Director of ACC, Ms. Ning Bo, Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of China in Brunei, senior officials from Brunei education institutes, lecturers from Yunnan College of Tourism Vocation, representative from Laksamana College of Business (LCB), and more than 30 Chinese tour guide instructors from various educational institutions and licensed Chinese tour guides from Brunei attended the ceremony. Ms. Kong Roatlomang and Mr. Wardi delivered remarks at the opening ceremony.

During the three-day training, three experts from Yunnan College of Tourism Vocation (YCTV) delivered professional and practical lectures on “the Introduction to Tour Guide in China”, “the Principle of Explaining Skill for Chinese Speaking Tour Guide”, “the Language Skill and Art for Chinese Speaking Tour Guide”, etc. The training also included sightseeing with situational language learning. The programme went beyond the expectation of the participants with professional training of high level and practical and affluent information, which would play an important role in their future work and help them give better guide to the Chinese tourists.

3. Outcomes

The training programme proved to be effective to broaden understanding of ASEAN tourism stakeholders on Chinese culture, language, laws and regulations. ACC also got a systematic understanding of ASEAN countries’ tourism reception service system and the demands in improving Chinese language level. The project achieved positive results and made a good start for future collaboration.
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ACC is committed to opening a door for people from ASEAN and China to know and understand each other, to building a bridge for communication and connection and a platform for exchanges and cooperation. The Information and Public Relations Division (IPRD) plays an important role in ACC’s brand building by enhancing the centre’s influence and facilitating development of other areas.

In 2018, ACC carried out a host of activities in the area of information and public relations, in conjunction with the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership, including five flagship projects, namely lecture series by ASEAN and Chinese ambassadors and scholars, reporting trip by Chinese media to Malaysia, reporting trip by ASEAN media to Shanghai municipality, Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces of China, 2017 ASEAN-China statistics book, the first ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum and other media exchanges and capacity building activities.

Echoing the 2018 ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, IPRD has enriched the design of its projects and activities in an innovative way. ACC co-hosted the first ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum. Also for the first time, ACC held workshops on new media for Embassies and media of ASEAN Member States in Beijing and helped them maximize the use of new media to reach out to the general public in China. ACC organized the first familiarization trip for ASEAN media officials to cities outside Beijing so as to promote exchanges and cooperation at local level. ACC also attached greater importance to capacity building activities.

The First ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum

In keynote speech session, Mr. Zhou Haijiang, Vice President of All-China Chamber of Industry & Commerce and Chairman of the Board and CEO of HOdö Group spoke as representatives of the business community. Ms. Han Yonghong, Associate Editor & ZB CUM Editor of Lianhe Zaobao of Singapore and Ms. Zhao Jun, Editor-in-Chief of China Report ASEAN, spoke on behalf of media by briefing on the development of media respectively. They hoped that ASEAN countries and China could enrich the content of cooperation, make innovative changes and contribute more to the comprehensive and in-depth development of ASEAN-China relations. Two sub-themed sessions were arranged to discuss the development trend of information and media, and the role of media in building ASEAN-China community.

2. Activities

The theme of the Forum was “Innovate Media Cooperation for a Shared Future”. Government officials, representatives from media and business community, scholars and experts, as well as representatives from ASEAN Secretariat and Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, attended the forum.

On 11 May, Mr. Huang Qiu, Deputy Party Secretary and Acting Mayor of Wuxi city, greeted the participants of the Forum. At the following welcoming reception, ACC Secretary-General Mme. Yang Xiuping welcomed guests and stated that media shoulders extremely important missions and plays an irreplaceable role in building the ASEAN-China community with a shared future. Ms. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China International Publishing Group and President of China Report Press, and Mr. Yuan Fei, Member of the Standing Committee and Director-General of the Publicity Department of the CPC Wuxi Municipal Committee, delivered welcome remarks. Mr. Yang Liqun, Deputy Director-General of the Information Office of Jiangsu Provincial Government, Mr. Yuan Fei, Mme. Yang Xiuping, H.E. Dr. AKP Mochant, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Zhang Ye, Director-General of the International Liaison Bureau of the State Council Information Office of China, Ms. Yang Mu, Counsellor of Department of Asian Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, and Mr. Lu Cairong, Vice President of China International Publishing Group, delivered opening remarks on 12 May.

In order to promote ASEAN-China media exchanges to deepen mutual understanding and friendship, explore new opportunities for ASEAN-China media cooperation in the new era, and discuss the role of media in promoting ASEAN-China strategic partnership in an innovative way, ACC co-hosted the first ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum in Wuxi, Jiangsu province from 11 to 13 May 2018, together with China International Publishing Group and Information Office of Jiangsu Provincial Government. The Forum was co-organized by China Report Press, Information Office of Wuxi Municipal Government and HOdo Group and supported by Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu Provincial Government and Wuxi Municipal Government and Sihaonoukville Special Economy Zone Co., Ltd.
with a shared future. A media luncheon was also held for ASEAN media representatives to learn more about China’s media developments. Professor Shi Anbin, Associate Dean of Research with School of Journalism and Communication of Tsinghua University, delivered a lecture on “Innovating Chinese Press in the Era of Smart/Immersive Media”.

The luncheon was followed by a networking meeting themed “Exploring New Path for ASEAN-China Media Cooperation”, moderated by IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC. Sixty representatives from 27 media organizations of ASEAN and China attended and exchanged views on media digital cooperation, personnel exchanges and media capacity building.

【3. Outcomes】

The First ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum was an important attempt for ACC. It achieved full success under the joint efforts of all hosts, organizers and supporters. All participants spoke highly of the outcomes of the Forum and hoped to have more chances to join such activities organized by ACC.

The Forum provided a new platform for ASEAN-China media exchange and cooperation. Participants from both sides made good use of this platform to have in-depth exchange of views, share experience and make recommendations for mutual development.

The Forum achieved a long-term media cooperation mechanism. ASEAN and Chinese participants reached consensus on the pattern of exchanges and cooperation and expressed their wishes to continue the Forum. It not only opened up new space and brought fresh impetus to Jiangsu province, Wuxi city and HOdo Group to increase friendly exchanges and cooperation with ASEAN countries, but also raised ACC’s profile among the media of ASEAN and China, and increased their awareness and understandings of ACC’s efforts in promoting ASEAN-China relations.

Through the Forum, ACC further enhanced cooperation with its partners such as China International Publishing Group and China Report Press, and strengthened connection with Jiangsu province and Wuxi city, forged new and good relationship with HOdo group and Sihanoukville Special Economy Zone Co., Ltd. These networking resources laid solid foundation for ACC’s future development.

Lecture Series by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors and Scholars

【1. Background】

Since 2012, ACC has been implementing the flagship project “Lecture Series by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors” for seven consecutive years with 10 lectures by ASEAN ambassadors and ACC Secretary-General in Beijing and other cities of China. The project was designed to boost public interest in ASEAN Member States, the role of ACC and ASEAN-China relations as well as enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the people of ASEAN and China, especially among the younger generation. Through the lectures, ACC has acted as a bridge for ASEAN ambassadors to explore opportunities and tap cooperation potentials with hosting provinces.

In 2018, ACC added new elements to the project. By inviting scholars to give lectures on topics of common interests, the project expanded its activities into social and business communities in ASEAN countries and China.

【2. Activities】

(1) ACC Secretary-General Delivered Lectures at Universities in Hainan Province

From 8 to 9 January 2018, then ACC Secretary-General Mme. Yang Xiuping delivered three lectures at University of Sanya, Hospitality Institute of Sanya and Hainan Tropical Ocean University. Secretary-General Yang outlined the development process of ASEAN, ASEAN community building and ASEAN-China relations as well as ACC’s mandate and work. She said that ASEAN-China relations have witnessed notable development in mutually beneficial cooperation and people-to-people exchanges, and formed an all-around, multi-tiered and wide-ranging cooperation pattern. Both sides are actively strengthening strategic coordination, and jointly building the Belt and Road, which has opened up new and broad space for ASEAN-China relations. Over 650 students and faculty members participated in the event.

(2) Held Scholar’s Lecture on ASEAN-China Scientific and Technological Cooperation and Innovation

On 19 April 2018, ACC hosted a lecture themed “Promoting ASEAN-China Scientific and Technological Cooperation and Innovation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)”, which was given by Dr. Chen Baoming, Director of Research Division for Comprehensive Development of Chinese Academy of Science and Technology for Development. Diplomats from Embassies of ASEAN Member States and ASEAN students studying at the University of Science & Technology of Beijing, in total over 50 people were present.

Director Chen gave an overview of China’s scientific and technological development under the BRI, briefed on the
development of cooperation between China and other countries, shared his understanding of innovation, successful cases, approaches and suggestions for deepening cooperation under the BRI. He stated that ASEAN and China should maintain close communications, enhance policy and project coordination, push forward exchanges between universities, research institutes and personnel, promote technology transfer, scientific and technological resource-sharing, innovation and entrepreneurship so as to achieve win-win outcomes.

(3) Held Scholar’s Lecture on Sharing Economy

On 31 August 2018, ACC hosted a lecture on Chinese sharing economy. Professor Li Yongjian, Director of Research Centre of Internet Economy, National Academy of Economic Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and Mr. Shawn Qin, Director of Global Government Affairs of Mobike Policy Studies Institute, made presentations. Diplomats from Embassies of ASEAN Member States, representatives from Philippine and Singaporean enterprises in Beijing, Chinese journalists and officials of ACC, in total nearly 40 participants attended the event.

Director Li gave a detailed introduction on the development of China’s sharing economy. Talking about the potential of developing sharing economy in ASEAN countries, he suggested that ASEAN should formulate relevant policies and determine appropriate areas for development according to their own conditions. ASEAN and China should maintain close communications, strengthen exchanges, share experience and jointly promote innovation and cooperation on sharing economy so as to achieve common development.

Director Qin, in his lecture themed “Smart Bike Sharing Builds Smart City”, gave an overview of Mobike’s business philosophy on sharing economy, adaptation to people’s lifestyle and the future prospects for sustainable development.

【3. Outcomes】

The Ambassadors’ lectures at universities were successful and well received by the students. The project provides a good opportunity for Chinese university students and faculty members to better understand ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations. It also boosts public awareness of ASEAN, ASEAN-China relations and ACC especially for the young people. The lectures not only fulfill the audience’s interest in opportunities and prospects of ASEAN-China relations, but also chart directions for future cooperation that would bring greater contributions to ASEAN-China education exchanges and cooperation. In addition, ambassadors’ and scholars’ lectures reflect ACC’s role as a bridge for hosting provinces, cities, universities and institutes to connect more directly and closely with ASEAN countries in their endeavours of opening up.

Participants actively interacted with lecturers and some follow-up actions were made already. Participants commended that the lectures were inspiring and hoped ACC would continue to organize such lectures in future.

Exploring ASEAN: Reporting Trip by Chinese Media Delegation to Malaysia

【1. Background】

Currently the building of ASEAN Community has been stepping into a new phase and ASEAN-China cooperation has also entered a stage of higher quality and more rapid development. Media is playing an important role in enhancing mutual understanding and cooperation and giving impetus to the development of ASEAN-China relations. From 2015 to 2017, ACC successfully organized three reporting trips by Chinese media to six ASEAN Member States, which gave Chinese media a comprehensive understanding of ASEAN and contributed to raising the awareness of ASEAN-China relations.

【2. Activities】

ACC organized the fourth reporting trip for Chinese media to visit Malaysia from 21 to 25 October 2018. The trip aimed to enhance ASEAN-China media exchanges, cover the achievements of ASEAN-China cooperation, and raise awareness of ASEAN Community building and ASEAN-China strategic partnership. The delegation was led by ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai and composed of journalists from eight media organizations, namely People’s Daily Online, Xinhua News Online, Global News, Sina, China Report, 21st Century Business Herald, Anhui Radio and Television and The World & Chongqing Magazine.

In Kota Kinabalu, Mr. Liang Cade, Consul General of China to Malaysia, gave an interview to the journalists. The delegation exchanged views with representatives of the confederation of the local Chinese media agencies, namely Sin Chew Daily, Kwong Wah Daily, Oriental Daily and Nanyang Siang Pau.
In Kuala Lumpur, H.E. Mr. Bai Tian, Ambassador of China to Malaysia, gave an interview to the journalists. The delegation also interviewed H.E. Mr. Lim Guan Eng, Malaysian Finance Minister and met with officials from Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia, visited Xiamen University in Malaysia and Signature Tower constructed by China Construction Eighth Engineering Division. The delegation also made a field trip to the Star, the biggest English newspaper in Malaysia, and Sin Chew Daily, the biggest Chinese newspaper in the country.

### Outcomes

The reporting trip gave the Chinese journalists a profound understanding of Malaysia and ASEAN, along with their relations with China. Interactions with media counterparts of Malaysia set new stage for further exchanges and cooperation. The journalists expressed willingness to maintain close contact with ACC and follow up ASEAN events, ASEAN-China cooperation and ACC’s activities so as to play a bigger role in serving as a bridge and bond for deepening ASEAN-China relations. The journalists expressed willingness to maintain close contact with ACC and follow up ASEAN events, ASEAN-China cooperation and ACC’s activities so as to play a bigger role in serving as a bridge and bond for deepening ASEAN-China relations. The success of the project has strengthened ACC’s networking and partnership with relevant authorities in Malaysia, which is expected to bring about future cooperation.

By implementing this project, ACC is able to further enlarge the networking pool of media agencies and staff. The Chinese media engaged in the project have established connections with ASEAN media on this platform with promising outcomes of bilateral cooperation, which embodies ACC’s bridging and coordinating role in promoting ASEAN-China information and media cooperation.

### ASEAN-China Statistics Book

#### Background

ACC, as a one-stop information centre, produces ASEAN-China statistics books annually in collaboration with Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The books provide a snapshot of the deepened relationship between ASEAN and China, contain statistical data extracted from reliable sources both from government agencies and international organizations, covering a wide range of areas including social-economic development, trade, investment, people-to-people exchanges, and other interesting aspects in ASEAN-China relations.

#### Activities

The 2017 edition of the ASEAN-China statistics book was published in December 2018. The latest edition uses a more user-friendly design. Electronic copies are posted on ACC website and WeChat platform for easy access.

#### Outcomes and Effects

The book is designed to harness the role of ACC as a one-stop information centre and provide information to the public on ASEAN-China cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism and other fields. It helps raise public awareness of the sound development of ASEAN-China relations and enhance mutual understanding between the people of both sides.
In Jiaxing city, ASEAN and Chinese journalists visited Wingtech Communication Company and Jiaxing Science City including Zhejiang Institute of Advanced Technology of Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Future Technology where they experienced China’s scientific and technological innovation and socio-economic achievements.

In Shaoxing city, they met with Mr. Ke Junjie, Deputy Director of Publicity Department of CPC Shaoxing Committee, visited China Light Textile Industrial City and Hailiang Education Group.

In Hangzhou city, the delegation visited Jiangsu Research & Development Centre for Internet of Things, Wuxi Lead Intelligent Equipment Company, Xinri E-vehicle, Wuxi No.1 Cotton Mill, Shanlian Village, Qingming Bridge Historical and Cultural Bloc where they learned about the development of Wuxi’s research and industry on high tech and innovation in combination of historical culture.

During the trip, the delegation experienced high-speed train and visited some cultural, historical and tourist sites in the Yangtze River Delta area. In addition, the ASEAN media also had opportunities to interact with several Chinese media from Shanghai and Zhejiang province who accompanied them during the whole trip.

### 3. Outcomes

The 4th reporting trip echoed the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation and focused on the Yangtze River Delta innovative companies and advanced culture. The scale of the delegation was larger than previous trips.

During the whole trip, ASEAN journalists visited over 25 sites, interacted with local officials and enterprises’ management teams, conducted on-site programme recordings, and made live broadcasting through online media. They also gave interviews to Chinese counterparts and aired their views and reflections on the visits. In their tight schedule, the ASEAN journalists covered many aspects of ASEAN-China cooperation and the joint building of the Maritime Silk Road. The trip proved to be substantive and informative. The ASEAN journalists commended that this trip enhanced their understanding of the development of the Yangtze River Delta with more comprehensive knowledge of China. The vitality and innovation of the Yangtze River Delta area impressed the delegation. During the trip, the ASEAN journalists raised questions on such topics as high tech companies’ operation, development, product orientation, and Chinese government’s preferential policies and incentives on enterprise-incubating, encouraging direction, changes brought by media transformation and development direction of artificial intelligence.

The trip was covered widely both in ASEAN and China afterwards. Nearly 30 stories had been published by seven agencies from Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam and China Report. This greatly helped raise awareness of ASEAN, China, ASEAN-China relations and increased the profile of ACC both in ASEAN countries and China. It also enabled ACC to strengthen its ties with media agencies, broaden contacts with governmental organizations and forge new partnerships. ACC will carry out its work in information and public relations in a more efficient way in the future.

### ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Capacity Building Programme

#### 1. Background

It is crucial to provide media officials in the Embassies of ASEAN Member States and ASEAN media in China with access to capacity building, as they work at the frontline of ASEAN-China news and information exchanges, and should have a deeper understanding of the ongoing development of China as well as good networking with Chinese media partners. In 2018, ACC made great efforts in this area and conducted diversified interactive activities.

#### 2. Activities

1. **Organized a Familiarization Trip for ASEAN Media Officials and Journalists to Visit Chinese Media in Beijing**

On 18 January 2018, ACC organized a Media Familiarization Trip to Sina.com and China Central Television (CCTV). The officials in charge of media affairs from Embassies of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, and journalists from Antara News Agency of Indonesia, the Star of Malaysia and Lianhe Zaobao of Singapore participated in the trip.

The delegation visited Sina Plaza and had a discussion with the management and editors of the Sina News and Sina Global. Wang Wei, Deputy Chief Editor of Sina News, met with the delegation. Wen Jing, Senior Reporter of Sina Global, briefed on its development and brand programmes. Officials from the Embassies and the journalist from Lianhe Zaobao raised questions concerning how to utilize and authenticate the news of we-media as well as how to better promote ASEAN countries through Chinese social media. Both sides exchanged views on potential activities, for instance, content sharing and interviews with ambassadors.

At CCTV headquarters, the delegation visited the grand lobby hall, a 2000-square-metre studio and TV channel operation hall. Mr. Hua Dong, producer of CCTV Chinese International Channel, briefed on CCTV’s work and its cooperation with ASAEN media. The delegation also had an opportunity to observe the live broadcasting of CCTV 4 on the press conference held by the State Information Office of China.

2. **Held a Media Networking Meeting among Media Officials of Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, ASEAN Media in Beijing and Chinese Leading Media**

On 23 January 2018, ACC held a media networking meeting, which was attended by media officials from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States, journalists from Antara News Agency of Indonesia, the Star of Malaysia, Lianhe
Zaobao of Singapore, Chinese leading media representatives from Xinhua Net, China Network Television (CNTV), People’s Daily Online, Sina.com, China Report, ASEAN-China Panorama, Journal of World Education, 21st Century Business Herald, ASEAN-China Expo (CAEXPO) Secretariat, ACC WeChat service provider, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Communication University of China (CUC), in total over 40 participants.

Chinese participants briefed on their exchanges and cooperation with ASEAN countries, and proposed suggestions on possible collaboration including jointly organizing media forums, reciprocal visits, setting up columns in each other’s websites, inviting ambassadors of ASEAN Member States to China for interviews and programmes, leveraging social media platforms such as WeChat and Weibo to enhance online interaction, making joint research programmes on media and joint reports on outcomes of innovation. Participants from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States gave positive response. Media officials from Embassies of the Philippines, Singapore, Lao PDR, Thailand and Indonesia shared their own working programmes in 2018 in information and media sector and expressed willingness to consider the proposals from the Chinese side and continue to work with ACC and Chinese partners to push forward mutual understanding and cooperation.

(3) Organized a Familiarization Trip for Media Officials from Embassies of ASEAN Member States to Visit Anhui Province

From 19 to 23 August 2018, ACC hosted a Familiarization Trip for media officials from Embassies of ASEAN Member States to visit Hefei, Wuhu and Huangshan cities of Anhui province. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai and diplomats from Embassies of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam participated in the visit, which was co-hosted by ACC and the Publicity Department of the CPC Anhui Provincial Committee, and was co-organized by the Information Office of the Anhui Provincial Government and the ASEAN Finance Magazine Agency.

During the visit, the delegation met with H.E. Mme. Sun Lifang, Vice Chairperson of CPPCC Anhui Provincial Committee, Mr. Zheng Mingwu, Head of the Information Office of Anhui Provincial Government, Mr. Zhong Junjie, Member of the Standing Committee and Director General of the Publicity Department of CPC Hefei Municipal Committee, Mme. Duan Yujia, Member of the Standing Committee and Director General of the Publicity Department of CPC Wuhu Municipal Committee, Mr. Xu Deshu, Member of the Standing Committee and Director of the Publicity Department of CPC Huangshan Municipal Committee, Mme. Sun Jie, Member of the Standing Committee and Director General of the Publicity Department of CPC She County Committee, and other officials at county, municipal and provincial levels.

The delegation visited Anhui Radio and Television Station, Anhui Daily Press Group and Anhui New Media Group, held talks with Ms. Wang Zhen, Chief Editor of Anhui Daily Press Group, visited well-known local enterprises such as China Speech Valley, iFLYTEK, JAC Motors, China Anhui Conch Group, Zoomlion Heavy Machinery Co., Ltd. and the tourism and cultural facilities of Yellow Mountain to gain in-depth understanding of the economic and social development of Anhui province and exchange views on ways to strengthen friendship and cooperation between ASEAN countries and Anhui in various fields.

ASEAN media officials listened to the briefings and actively interacted with local government departments, enterprises and media. They said that the visit enabled them to gain a comprehensive understanding of Anhui’s development achievements in the media industry, information technology, scientific and technological innovation, equipment manufacturing, eco-tourism, cultural tourism, etc. The delegation was deeply impressed by the profound history, splendid culture, beautiful ecological environment, hospitality and socio-economic vibrancy of Anhui province.

This trip was the first familiarization trip outside Beijing organized by ACC for media officials from Embassies of ASEAN Member States.

(4) Workshop on New Media

On 2 April 2018, ACC hosted a workshop on new media for Embassies and media of ASEAN Member States. The workshop was undertaken by the ASEAN-China Education and Training Centre and Academy of Media and Public Affairs of Communication University of China (CUC) and Beijing Penguin Institute of New Media. IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC and Professor Yang Yujun, Dean of Academy of Media and Public Affairs of CUC addressed the workshop. Professor Dong Guanpeng, Provost of Professional Training, Executive and Continuing Education of CUC, Mr. Zhang Xiaofei, Manager in Weibo Content Coordinator of Sina Company, and Ms. Ma Yao, Director of WeChat
Pay of Tencent Group, gave presentations on the development and application of new media in China. Media officials from Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China including Brunei, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, ASEAN journalists based in Beijing including Antara News Agency of Indonesia and the Star of Malaysia, representatives of Thailand Tourism Authority and China Image Group and staff of Professional Training, Executive and Continuing Education of CUC attended the workshop.

Mr. Zhang Xiaofei of Sina gave practical guidelines for Embassies of ASEAN Member States to register on Weibo with verification, so that they could attract more followers, disseminate information and combat fake news. Ms. Ma Yao briefed on the development and strength of WeChat Pay and the prospect of its business in Southeast Asia. She described it as a new payment instrument. Provost Dong Guangpeng delivered a lecture on managing country branding in the omni-media age and gave practical suggestions on crisis management.

Followed the lectures was an interaction session in which ASEAN media officials learned about how to maximize the use of social media. ACC's representatives also assured all Embassies full support from ACC's WeChat, Weibo and Website platforms in promoting the images of ASEAN. The workshop was concluded with a visit to the Media Museum of CUC, where all participants learned about the history and development of media in China and beyond.

(5) Workshop on Weibo

On 10 July 2018, ACC held a workshop on Weibo for Embassies and media of ASEAN Member States. ACC invited Mr. Zhang Xiaofei, Manager of Weibo Content Coordinator of Sina, Ms. Zhang Yihan, Director of Sina News and New Media Operation and Ms. Zhang Lulu, Senior Editor in charge of Operation in Sina Travel Channel to give presentations on the topics of “To Register and Verify Weibo”, “Development Plan: How to Make Your Weibo Account Popular” and “Tourism Ecology in Social Context” respectively.

ACC’s IPRD team shared the practice of ACC’s Weibo operation and management. Media officials from the Embassies of ASEAN Member States and ASEAN journalists based in Beijing including Antara News Agency of Indonesia and the Star of Malaysia as well as representatives of the Philippine Tourism Authority attended the workshop.

This workshop was a follow-up action of the workshop on new media in April 2018, which focused on practical guidelines and techniques. ACC hoped ASEAN Member States’ Embassies and media could better utilize Chinese social media network to meet their publicity needs and promote the images of ASEAN in China.

【3. Outcomes】

These exchanges and capacity building activities were carried out in an innovative way, through which media officials from Embassies of ASEAN Member States and ASEAN media in China got to know the latest trends, new ideas and new technologies in the information and media sector in China. They provided opportunities for face-to-face interaction with major media in China, which would help forge closer connection with each other and promote cooperation in the future.

Participants from both ASEAN and China expressed appreciation to ACC for organizing these meaningful activities. They stated that media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China are conducive to promoting ASEAN-China relations, pushing forward bilateral practical cooperation and enhancing mutual understanding of both sides. They hoped ACC could continue playing the role of bridge and bond linking both sides and creating more exchange opportunities. They would strengthen contacts and move forward hand in hand to make greater contribution to the development of ASEAN-China relations.

By successfully organizing these activities, ACC has given into play its unique role as a one-stop information and activities centre and serves as a bridge facilitating exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN Member States and China. As a result, both sides have deepened their understanding of ACC’s efforts to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation and expected ACC’s continued support.

These activities have strengthened ACC’s network with Embassies of ASEAN Member States and local authorities around China at county, municipal and provincial levels. The network and resources accumulated throughout these activities will help ACC better fulfill its mandate in the future.

Strengthening ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation

(1) Attended 2018 ASEAN-China Network and Media Cooperation Seminar & ASEAN-China Media Cooperation and Exchange Annual Meeting in Nanning

On 2 February 2018, IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC attended the 2018 ASEAN-China Network and Media Cooperation Seminar & ASEAN-China Media Cooperation and Exchange Annual Meeting in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The event was held by ASEAN-China Panorama Magazine and attended by Mr. Sakon Varanyuwatana, Vice Minister of Commerce of Thailand, Mr. Pornchai Tarkulvaronant, Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr.
Wang Lei, Director-General of Guangxi International Exposition Bureau, Mr. Gao Hang, President of ASEAN-China Media Network, heads of publicity departments of governments of Nanning, Qinzhou and Chongzuo, representatives of media of Guangxi and ASEAN countries including Cambodia, Malaysia and Thailand, in total around 150 participants. The meeting focused on how to build ASEAN-China network “Information Silk Road” and amplify the voice of ASEAN and China. Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk engaged with various stakeholders of local publicity departments, as well as ASEAN and Guangxi media to further strengthen ACC’s networks. He also paid courtesy calls on Mr. Fan Yi, Director-General of Guangxi People’s Broadcasting Station, and Mr. Ma Tiehu, Director of News Channel of Guangxi Television, to discuss ways to further strengthen media cooperation.

(2) Attended 2018 Liupanshui Belt and Road & ASEAN Media Tour

From 25 to 29 July 2018, the 2018 Liupanshui Belt and Road & ASEAN Media Tour was held in Liupanshui, Guizhou province, which was hosted by Liupanshui Municipal Committee of CPC and the Liupanshui Municipal Government and organized by People’s Daily Online. Six media from ASEAN Member States including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines and Viet Nam, 20 foreign media from other regions and local Chinese media as well as ASEAN students from Guiyang Minzu University attended the trip. IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC attended and addressed the opening ceremony.

During the trip, the participants attended the ceremony of Liangdu “Cool Summer” Festival and visited several scenic spots, agricultural and industrial parks and a high-tech industrial development zone to experience local ethnic cultures, eco-tourism and industrial development of Liupanshui and good practice of poverty alleviation through promoting agricultural tourism and improving the living standards of ethnic minorities in the area.

(3) Co-hosted ASEAN Mainstream Media and China’s Central Leading Overseas-targeted Media: Touring Anhui

From 27 May to 3 June 2018, the “ASEAN Mainstream Media and China’s Central Leading Overseas-targeted Media: Touring Anhui” was held in Anhui province. The event was co-hosted by the Publicity Department of the CPC Anhui Provincial Committee and ACC, and organized by the Information Office of Anhui Provincial government and the Asia-Pacific Daily and ASEAN Finance.

Nearly 40 journalists of mainstream media from 10 ASEAN countries and Chinese media such as China Radio International, China Daily, Asia-Pacific Daily, Visual China joined the trip, which covered Hefei, Huaihe, Suzhou, Bengbu, Huaian and Lu’an cities. As this activity has been held for four consecutive years, it has become an important publicity endeavour for Anhui to promote its development achievements and resources and deepen understanding, friendship and cooperation with ASEAN countries. IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC attended the opening ceremony, engaged with the journalists and gave interviews to media from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

The reporting trip raised the profile of ACC and strengthened relations between ACC and Anhui province. With the focus on industry, the reporting trip took the journalists mainly to the enterprises in Anhui, showcasing Anhui’s strengths in science, technology and innovation, which echoed the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. The trip helped raise awareness about China and Anhui province and would increase the possibilities for cooperation between Anhui and ASEAN. Chinese and ASEAN journalists published stories about Anhui’s development from various angles.

(4) Invited Media Professionals from ASEAN Countries to Visit ACC

On 13 September 2018, a 24-member group of advanced training programme on media convergence visited ACC, which was organized by ASEAN-China Centre of Advanced Studies of Communication University of China. The group consisted of government officials, senior media professionals and communication experts from ASEAN countries, including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

The delegation visited the ACC exhibition hall, learned about the history of ACC and exchanged views with ACC officials. IPRD Deputy Director Mr. Wang Zhiqian of ACC briefed the delegation on ACC’s mandate and work, and hoped that the friends from media would help raise the public awareness, especially among the younger generation, of ACC and ASEAN-China relations and play a unique role in promoting sustainable development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

ASEAN media representatives expressed appreciation for ACC’s hospitality and expressed willingness to write more stories about ASEAN-China cooperation in their future reports.

(5) The Delegation of Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines Visited ACC

On 31 May 2018, a 10-member delegation of Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines headed by Ms. Renee Gayle Chu, Principal Assistant of Division of China, Office of Asia and Pacific Affairs, visited ACC. IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC and officials from GACD and ECTD of ACC met and exchanged views with the delegation.

The Philippine delegation expressed appreciation for ACC’s warm reception and stated that ACC has made great efforts and important contribution to promoting ASEAN-China practical cooperation. The visit to ACC Secretariat increased their understanding of ACC and they will continue to support and participate in the activities organized by ACC. The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines will strengthen the communication and cooperation with ACC so as to promote in-depth and enduring development of Philippines-China and ASEAN-China relations with joint efforts.

(6) Welcomed TV Crew from Five LMC Countries

On 18 May 2018, a 15-member TV crew from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam visited ACC Secretariat. The delegation was on a 14-day trip to China for the coverage on the topic of Jointly Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) mechanism.

IPRD Director Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk of ACC welcomed the delegation and briefed on the history, structure, mandate and work of ACC, in particular on IPRD’s efforts to promote media exchanges, raise public awareness of ASEAN-China relations and deepen understanding and friendship between the people of both sides. Representatives from other divisions of ACC also introduced their activities and work plans in the areas of trade, investment, education, culture and tourism.

The delegation expressed interests in ACC’s programmes such as documentary Hi! ASEAN and exchanged views
with ACC officials on its role of promoting ASEAN-China practical cooperation. The delegation also visited the photo exhibition on ASEAN-China relations and the development of ACC.

ACC Continued to Reach Out to the General Public

(1) ACC Secretary-General Gave Interviews to ASEAN and Chinese Media

In order to raise public awareness of the fruitful outcomes of the development of ASEAN-China relations and a series of highlight activities ACC carried out in 2018, ACC Secretary-General gave interviews to ASEAN and Chinese media, including the China Report ASEAN Magazine, World Affairs Magazine, ASEAN-China Panorama Magazine and the 21st Century Business Herald on many occasions.

In the interviews, Secretary-General spoke highly of the remarkable achievements made in the rapid development of ASEAN-China relations and stated that the two sides are currently planning to carry out a series of thematic activities, which will be helpful for them to learn from and complement each other, promote common development and bring new opportunities for achieving a higher level of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

The interviews also provided overviews of the work and achievements of ACC since its establishment, which included promoting ASEAN-China cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media. Questions about China’s role in ASEAN-China relations, ASEAN-China cooperation on innovation, the Belt and Road Initiative and ACC’s role in promoting ASEAN-China people-to-people exchanges were also covered.

(2) Operated Newsletter and Online Social Media

In 2018, ACC issued Newsletters No. 24 to 27 (Winter 2017, Spring, Summer and Autumn 2018) with circulations of 800-1,000 per issue. The Newsletters were widely distributed to the governments and relevant authorities/agencies of ASEAN Member States and China as well as the general public, which aimed to raise awareness of ACC and its role as an information and activities centre, and contributed to enhancing trade, investment, tourism, education, culture, tourism, information and media cooperation between ASEAN and China. The newsletters could also be downloaded through ACC website and WeChat platform.

To follow the social media trends, ACC actively posted useful information and interacted with the general public through its official website, WeChat and Weibo. By October 2018, there have been over 15,000 followers of ACC WeChat account with an increase of 14% from the same period last year and ACC Weibo has attracted 1.69 million fans.

(3) Set up a Booth at the 15th CAEXPO

From 12 to 15 September 2018, the 15th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. With the support of CAEXPO Secretariat, ACC set up an independent information booth, which was also the 6th consecutive year for ACC to follow this practice.

ACC booth was located in the pavilion of “Cities of Charm”, which highlighted the achievements of the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. English-Chinese bilingual materials including annual report, newsletters, leaflets, ASEAN-China cooperation statistics books, ASEAN tour guide pamphlets, pictures and documentary Hi! ASEAN were displayed to showcase ACC’s efforts and achievements in pushing forward ASEAN-China practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media. An online award-winning quiz was initiated this year to interact with the visitors and increase their knowledge of ASEAN-China relations.

The booth proved to be an excellent platform to raise ACC’s profile. The staff at the booth interacted directly with people from all walks of life. Statistics shows that ACC booth received over 2,000 visits during the CAEXPO. The award-winning quiz and online interactive activities were very popular among visitors. During the expo, ACC WeChat followers increased dramatically by 1,400 and ACC booth stories posted on WeChat and Weibo attracted thousands of daily viewers. The number reached its highest in history to 16,000 on 15 September, the CAEXPO Public Open Day. All of these reflected a great publicity effect.

The booth was also visited and covered by several Chinese and ASEAN media including China Report, ASEAN-China Panorama, Guangming Daily, Guangxi Daily, the Star (Malaysia), Jian Hua Daily (Cambodia), etc.
The 7th Meeting of ACC Joint Council

The 7th Meeting of the Joint Council (JC) of ACC was held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China on 11 December 2017. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Buensuceso, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to ASEAN, and Ms. Jiang Qin, Chargé d’Affaires of the Mission of China to ASEAN. The representatives of ASEAN Member States, China and ACC Secretariat attended the meeting.

The Meeting listened to the Report of the 7th Joint Executive Board by H.E. Mr. Jose Santiago Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Philippines to China, deliberated on and adopted the Summary Record of the 6th Joint Council Meeting, the Annual Report of 2017, the Work Programme of 2018, and the Proposed Budget of Operational Expenditure of 2018. The Meeting also discussed the arrangements of the 8th Joint Council Meeting and other matters. Members of JC fully recognized ACC’s efforts and achievements in promoting friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media between ASEAN and China with a focus on the 50th anniversary of ASEAN and the ASEAN-China Year of Tourism Cooperation. They wished ACC could continue to make greater contributions to all-around and in-depth development of the relations focusing on the priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation.

Then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping thanked members of JC for their long-term strong support to ACC and herself. She stated that ACC would continue to actively implement the important consensus reached by both sides’ leaders, and fully play the role of a one-stop information and activities centre on the course charted by JC. It would continuously raise its working standard, broaden cooperation areas and channels, and substantively push forward friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in various areas.

ACC Joint Council Members Visited Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China

From 11 to 13 December 2017, ACC organized the delegates attending the 7th JC Meeting to visit Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Qin Chuncheng, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Guilin Committee and Acting Mayor of Guilin Municipal Government, met with the representatives of JC Meeting and briefed on the development of Guilin and its exchanges with ASEAN countries. He expressed the willingness to further deepen cooperation with ASEAN countries in all areas to achieve more win-win outcomes. The delegation also paid field visits to Guilin HVISION Technology Co., Ltd., Baili New Village Demonstration Area of Kumquat Industry and Qixianfeng Countryside Eco-tourism Area of Yangshuo County.

ACC Held 2018 Spring Festival Reception

On 31 January 2018, ACC held a Spring Festival Reception in Beijing. About 150 guests were present including H.E. Mme. Gu Xiulian, Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People’s Congress of China, President of China-ASEAN Association, H.E. Mr. Tian Xuejun, Vice Minister of Education of China, H.E. Mr. Zhou Mingwei, President of Translators Association of China, Mr. Wu Jianghao, Director-General of Department of Asian
Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Peng Gang, Director-General of Department of Asian Affairs of Ministry of Commerce of China, Ambassadors of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Thailand to China, representatives from other ASEAN Member States and ASEAN dialogue partner countries, international organizations, officials from ministries, local provinces and municipalities of China and ACC’s partners.

Then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping thanked all the guests for their great support to the work of ACC. Yang said that 2017 was a significant year for both ASEAN and China. ASEAN celebrated its 50th anniversary and the 19th National Congress of CPC ushered in a new era and a new journey of China’s development. ASEAN-China relations have maintained a good momentum of development as evidenced by deepened political mutual trust, closer economic cooperation and intensified people-to-people exchanges, especially with the progress in the joint building of the Belt and Road. The year 2018 marks the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, which will bring new opportunities and broader prospects to future cooperation of both sides. ACC will redouble its efforts with spirit of innovation to implement the consensus reached by the leaders of both sides and carry out 21 flagship projects approved by the 7th ACC Joint Council Meeting. It will continue to improve itself and make new and greater contributions to the friendly exchanges and practical cooperation between ASEAN and China. She hoped that various sectors of ASEAN and China would continue to support the work of ACC.

In a warm atmosphere, students and teachers from ASEAN countries and China gave performances. The guests discussed how to deepen ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in various fields and create bright prospects of ASEAN-China relations.

**ACC JEB Working Group Meetings**

1. **The 1st JEB Working Group Meeting**

On 1 February 2018, the first Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting of ACC of 2018 was held at the ACC Secretariat. Representatives from Department of Asian Affairs of Foreign Affairs Ministry of China and Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China attended the meeting. Heads of ACC divisions outlined the progress of each division since the 7th Joint Council Meeting held in December 2017 and the work plan for the next stage. Representatives of JEB members commended the efficient efforts made by ACC Secretariat and put forward ideas and suggestions on the implementation of relevant cooperation projects in 2018. They stated that they would continue with full support to work closely with ACC Secretariat, by which they wished to achieve more fruits of ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

2. **The 2nd JEB Working Group Meeting**

On 24 May 2018, the second JEB Working Group Meeting of ACC was held at the ACC Secretariat. Representatives from Department of Asian Affairs of Foreign Affairs Ministry of China and Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China attended the meeting. Heads of ACC divisions outlined the progress of each division since February 2018 and the work plan for the next stage. Representatives of JEB members commended the efforts made by ACC Secretariat, put forward ideas and suggestions on relevant cooperation projects in 2018 and assured their continuous support for ACC in implementing the projects.
ACC Organized Female Diplomats from Embassies of ASEAN Member States and China to Visit Soong Qing Ling Science and Culture Centre for Young People

On 8 March 2018, ACC organized female diplomats from Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China and Foreign Ministry of China to visit Soong Ching Ling Science and Technology Centre for Young People.

Around 40 participants including the spouse of Singaporean Ambassador to China, Charge d’affaires of Brunei and representatives of female diplomats from all Embassies of ASEAN countries joined the visit. The participants visited innovative facilities in the Centre and experienced Chinese culture through making Chinese traditional medicine and experiencing Chinese flower arts.

ACC Held International Symposium on Celebrating 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership

From 27 to 29 March 2018, ACC and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region co-hosted the International Symposium on Celebrating 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership. The symposium was themed “New Era, New Vision, New Opportunities” and nearly 200 participants including H.E. Dr. Hoang Anh Tuan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Huang Junhua, and H.E. Li Bin, Vice Governors of Guangxi, Mr. Liu Zhengdong, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference of Guangxi and Secretary of the Party Committee of Guangxi University, H.E. Mr. Stanley Loh Ka Leung, Ambassador of Singapore to China, H.E. Mr. U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, representatives from Embassies of ASEAN Member States and consulates-general in Nanning, Guangxi government officials, experts and scholars from ASEAN countries and China attended the symposium and relevant activities.

On 27 March, Mr. Huang Junhua met with Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, ambassadors and representatives from ASEAN, and briefed on Guangxi’s economic and social development as well as the achievements of Guangxi-ASEAN exchanges and cooperation. Both sides believed that with further sustainable development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership, the exchanges and cooperation between Guangxi and ASEAN could achieve more fruitful results.

On 28 March, then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping highly valued ASEAN-China relations and said at the opening ceremony that both sides have entered a new era of development and ASEAN-China relations are embracing new opportunities. ACC will work together with all sectors of both sides to push forward ASEAN-China strategic partnership. Mr. Li Bin said Guangxi is the gateway of ASEAN-China cooperation and would join hands with all ASEAN countries to deepen cooperation in various areas and make new contributions to forging a closer ASEAN-China community with a shared future. Mr. Yao Wen, Counsellor of Asian Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, said that ASEAN-China cooperation has become the most successful and dynamic cooperation example in the Asia-Pacific region. Both China and ASEAN should continue to work together and make ASEAN-China cooperation a
stable anchor of peace and development, a good example of friendly neighbourliness, a pioneer of practical cooperation and a driving engine for economic growth. Ambassador Stanley Loh Ka Leung said that China is one of ASEAN’s most substantive dialogue partners and there is large potential for both sides to deepen cooperation. ASEAN countries welcome China’s Belt and Road Initiative, which could be synergized with the Master Plan for ASEAN Connectivity 2025. He hoped both sides could work together to build an even stronger partnership and new golden era of ASEAN-China relations. H.E. Dr. Hoang Anh Tuan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN highlighted that ASEAN-China relations have evolved into a strong, multifaceted and substantive partnership since the dialogue process in 1991 especially since the establishment of strategic partnership in 2003, which have made great contribution to the peace, development and cooperation in the region. He said ASEAN-China strategic partnership is anchored on strong and sound trade and economic relations. Both sides should take the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation as an opportunity to vigorously deepen cooperation in innovation and jointly push forward the partnership to a new height.

After the opening ceremony, scholars and experts from ASEAN and China reviewed the experience and inspiration of ASEAN-China strategic partnership, had intensive discussions and shared their thoughts and insights on topics including “Forging a New Pattern for ASEAN-China Economic and Trade Cooperation”, “Seizing New Opportunities for ASEAN-China Innovation Cooperation” and “Opening up New Prospects for ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges”. The participants said that the development of ASEAN-China relations is facing new historical opportunities and broad prospects. At the same time, ASEAN-China relations also face new challenges. On the base of past successful experience, both sides should continue to uphold the spirit of win-win cooperation, seize new opportunities, tackle new challenges, eliminate obstacles and upgrade ASEAN-China relations to achieve greater development so as to bring more benefit to the people in the region.

At the closing ceremony, Mr. Liu Zhengdong, Vice Chairman of the Political Consultative Conference of Guangxi and Secretary of the Party Committee of Guangxi University, spoke highly of the outcomes of the symposium. He said that all participants shared their opinions and observations, and contributed many important views and suggestions on deepening ASEAN-China relations and pushing forward the building of ASEAN-China community with a shared future, which laid a good foundation for the prospective researches in the future. H.E. Mr. U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, congratulated on the success of the symposium. He believed that this symposium would help raise people’s awareness of the relations between ASEAN and China. He hoped that ASEAN and China would continue to strengthen the relations by respecting each other, jointly safeguarding the regional peace and development and advancing cooperation in all dimensions at all levels.

On 29 March 2018, ACC organized the participants to visit ASEAN-China Information Harbor (CAIH) and Guangxi Planning Exhibition Hall (GPEH). CAIH is an important platform to promote ASEAN-China Community and the Belt and Road Initiative. The participants carefully listened to the briefing and the development of CAIH. They were deeply impressed and optimistic about CAIH’s future development. Guided by the GPEH staff, the participants reviewed the historical development of Guangxi, its unique charming minority ethnic groups, and the 13th Five Year Plan of Guangxi which plans to build the land corridor to connect the Belt and Road. The participants reviewed the history of ASEAN-China relations and discussed new ideas to further the exchanges and cooperation. They got more knowledge of the social and economic development of Guangxi and the important role played by Guangxi in the overall ASEAN-China relations.

ACC Organized Study Visit to Singapore

From 26 to 29 June 2018, ACC organized the study visit to Singapore which included government officials from ASEAN and China, with the theme “Innovation Driven Development”. The launching ceremony was attended by Ms. Huang Ying, then Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, Ms. Phoebe Luo Ming Xuan, Assistant Director of the ASEAN Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, and government officials from Brunei, Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

On 26 June, the delegation of the study visit to Singapore by officials from ASEAN and China visited Singapore Public Service Division (PSD), Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), and met with officials from Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF) and Enterprise Singapore. Mr. Mohammed Jalees, Senior Assistant Director (Transformation) of Public Sector Transformation Group of PSD, briefed on the mandate of PSD. In recent years, the PSD has been making creative reforms to increase communications with Singapore citizens and improve efficiency and effectiveness at the same time. He also briefed on Singapore’s initiatives to promote innovation at governmental, institutional and personal levels. Prof. Lim Seh Chun, Associate Provost Office of Student Affairs of SUTD, briefed that SUTD is committed to nurturing leaders and innovators with scientific and technological background and looks forward to more exchanges with universities in ASEAN and China in the future. Dr. Pauline Tay, Senior Deputy Director (Innovation & Enterprise/ Strategy) of NRF, said that the foundation serves Singapore’s goal of building itself into a science, technology and innovation hub. She also introduced the main innovation initiatives of Singapore on supporting national innovation capability and sustainable development in major areas. Ms. Lim Seow Hui, Deputy Director (Startup & Global Innovation Alliance) of Enterprise Singapore, briefed on its efforts to support Singapore start-ups which have effectively promoted vitality of social entrepreneurship and innovation.

On 27 June, the delegation visited National University of Singapore (NUS). The delegation listened to the briefing by Ms. Adeline ANG, Associate Director of Office of the Vice-President (University & Global Relations) on the history and development of the university. NUS now is taking an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to research and
strengthen its cooperation with government, enterprises and academic institutions. It has established Smart Research Cluster focusing on researches in areas such as computing, mathematics, chemistry and cyber security. NUS has also actively participated in global education cooperation network including ASEAN University Networks, made efforts to create internship opportunities for its students, supported the start-ups and cultivated the students’ entrepreneurial spirit. Ms. Wu Ye-her, Executive Director of Global Programmes Unit of School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (SCALE) briefed on the establishment of the School. She said that SCALE is dedicated to offering programmes for working adults to acquire new skills and knowledge to keep relevant and competitive in today’s workforce. The delegation exchanged views with NUS officials on its policies of supporting students’ start-ups, online education and transformation of scientific and technological achievements.

On 27 June, they visited the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR). Ms. Emily Liew, Director of Planning& Policy Department, briefed on the agency’s work and the innovation development strategies of Singapore. As a leading national research institution, it focuses on avant-garde science and technology such as biological medicine and engineering science, actively carries out industrial scientific research projects, promotes the application of scientific research achievements, trains research talents and supports the development of start-ups. It has made important contributions to the scientific and technological innovation of Singapore. The delegation also visited the Gallery of One-North Science and Business Park, and interacted with A*STAR officials on the development planning of One-North and the cooperation among government, private sectors and research institutions.

On 28 June, the delegation visited YCH Group. Mr. Glenn Neo, Head of Corporate Development & Innovation, Executive Chairman Office and Mr. Jeffrey Tan, Head of Strategic Business Development briefed on the innovation achievements of YCH in logistics industry. Taking science and innovation as an important pillar of its development, YCH created Automated and Storage Retrieval System with advanced robotics, which greatly improves the efficiency of container handling and distribution of goods. YCH is willing to strengthen cooperation with China and other ASEAN countries to promote cargo logistics and level up connectivity in the region. The delegation had a field visit of YCH Plant of Automated and Storage Retrieval System. They experienced great impact of technological innovation on logistics industry.

Members of the delegation commended the activities of the visit as rich in content and prominent in theme. Through in-depth exchanges and field visits to relevant institutions in Singapore, they gained a comprehensive understanding of Singapore’s success in promoting innovation and development. They appreciated ACC for organizing the study visit and expressed their wish to continue to strengthen connection with ACC and jointly promote ASEAN-China innovation cooperation.

Reception Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership and in Honour of H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai

On 6 August 2018, ACC held a reception in Beijing to celebrate the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and to welcome H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai as the newly appointed Secretary-General of ACC. Nearly 400 guests were present, including Chinese Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Chen Xiaodong, Vice Minister of Education H.E. Mr. Tian Xuejun, Vice-chairman of the People’s Political Consultative Conference of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Party Secretary of Guangxi University Mr. Liu Zhengdong, Ambassadors of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand, Charge d’affaires of the Embassies of Brunei Darussalam and Viet Nam, representative from the Embassy of Singapore, diplomat envoys of Pakistan and some other South Asia countries, representatives of the Embassies of ASEAN dialogue partners, international organizations as well as relevant Chinese government departments, local authorities, business, education institutions and media agencies.

Mr. Chen Xiaodong spoke highly of the achievements of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and fruitful outcomes of the ASEAN-China Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held in Singapore. He stated that 15 years on, despite changes in the international and regional landscapes, China-ASEAN friendship has grown from strength to strength and stood as firm as ever. Mr. Chen congratulated Mr. Chen Dehai on his assumption of the post. He commended that ACC has grown to be a unique bond and an important platform in facilitating exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China. He expects ACC to facilitate practical cooperation in areas identified
in China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, harness its unique strength to promote people-to-people exchanges with more popular events, strengthen capacity to increase its own regional profile and enhance engagement with international and regional organizations so as to expand its circle of friends and advance regional cooperation in Asia. He is confident that under the stewardship of Secretary-General Chen, ACC will make greater contribution to the growth of ASEAN-China relations and help bring about successful 15 years of China-ASEAN cooperation.

H.E. Mr. Jose Santiago L. Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Philippines, coordinator of ASEAN-China relations, welcomed and congratulated Mr. Chen Dehai on his new appointment. He assured that ACC and Secretary-General Chen Dehai would have full support from ASEAN Member States and that ASEAN looks forward to continuing working closely with ACC. He stated that ASEAN and China have walked a long way together since the partnership between two sides was first established. 2017 was the 50th anniversary of the founding of ASEAN when the Philippines took its chairmanship. It made great efforts to further ASEAN development goals through enhanced partnerships in areas such as tourism, trade, connectivity, innovation and people-to-people exchanges. In 2018, the Philippines has been prepared to do its part as coordinator of ASEAN-China relations and is confident that the next 15 years will see further improvement of people’s lives and stronger relations between both sides.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai expressed his gratitude to the governments of China and ASEAN Member States for their confidence in and full support to ACC and himself. He stated that since the establishment of strategic partnership, ASEAN and China have deepened political trust and reaped rich fruits in practical cooperation, which have delivered tangible benefits to the people of both sides and made significant contribution to peace, development and prosperity of the region. The establishment of the ASEAN-China Centre was the result of joint efforts and strong commitment of 10 ASEAN Member States and China. The new era has bestowed new missions on us. ACC will redouble its efforts, forge ahead and fully play its role as one-stop information and activities centre to make contributions to the all-round and in-depth development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership. He will fulfill his mission and contribute his share to the friendly exchanges and cooperation between both sides.

At the reception, guests enjoyed Chinese and ASEAN performances and tourism photo exhibition. People congratulated Mr. Chen Dehai on his assumption of the new post and commended ACC’s constructive role in facilitating ASEAN-China cooperation.

The 8th Meeting of JEB

On 29 August 2018, the 8th Meeting of the Joint Executive Board (JEB) of ACC was held at the Secretariat of ACC in Beijing. The Meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Tracy Chan, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Singapore in China, and Mme. Mao Ning, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Myanmar Ambassador U Thit Linn Ohn, Philippine Ambassador Jose Santiago L. Sta. Romana, Brunei Charge d’affaires, representatives from Embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam, members of JEB from the Chinese side and officials of the ACC Secretariat attended the meeting.

The JEB members listened to the work report of ACC in 2018, deliberated on ACC draft Annual Plan of Action for 2019, and gave comments and suggestions on further improving the work of ACC. All members congratulated Secretary-General Chen Dehai on the assumption of office and commended ACC’s great efforts and achievements in promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media in the context of the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and ASEAN-China Year of Innovation in 2018. All members expected that ACC would continuously make full use of its strength, focus on the theme and priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation, innovate and carry out next year’s activities so as to make greater contributions to the in-depth and all-around development of ASEAN-China relations. Secretary-General Chen expressed his appreciation to the JEB members for their long-standing support to the Secretariat. He said that ACC would continue to actively implement the important consensus reached by leaders of ASEAN Member States and China, and solidly push forward friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in various areas. By maintaining close contacts with the JEB members, listening to and adopting their suggestions, ACC Secretariat would spare no effort in carrying out cooperation projects in 2018 and improve the work plan for 2019 so as to better serve the development of ASEAN and China and play a greater role in deepening ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

The 9th Meeting of JEB

On 5 November 2018, the 9th Meeting of the Joint Executive Board (JEB) was held at the Secretariat of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) in Beijing. The Meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Tracy Chan, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Singapore in China, and Ms. Cao Jing, Counsellor of the Asian Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Attendants included Charge d’ Affairs of Embassy of Brunei to China, representatives from Embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, members of JEB from the Chinese side, and officials of the ACC Secretariat.

The JEB members highly commended ACC’s great efforts and achievements in promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, and information and media in the context of the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. The upcoming 21st ASEAN-China Summit in Singapore will issue “China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership Vision 2030” and related documents, which will chart the course for the development of future ASEAN-China relations. All members expected...
that ACC would continuously make full use of its strength, follow the guide of “Vision 2030”, focus on the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchange in 2019 and priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation to plan and carry out next year’s activities, so as to make greater contributions to the in-depth and all-around development of ASEAN-China relations.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai expressed appreciation to the JEB members for their long-standing support and valuable suggestions to the work of the Secretariat. He said that ACC would continue to actively implement the important consensus reached by leaders of ASEAN member states and China, and solidly push forward friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in various areas. By maintaining close contacts with the JEB members, heeding and adopting relevant opinions and suggestions, the Secretariat would press ahead to play a even bigger role in deepening ASEAN-China strategic partnership.


Secretary-General Chen Dehai Participated in the International Conference on Belt & Road Initiative Lancang-Mekong Cooperation

On 19 September 2018, the International Conference on Belt & Road Initiative Lancang-Mekong Cooperation was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. It was co-organized by the Consulate-General of China in Chiang Mai, Chiang Mai University and Mae Fah Luang University under the theme of “New Era and New Start” to provide a platform for diplomats, scholars and researchers to discuss their academic research and findings. The discussions inspired new initiatives to strengthen the region’s prosperity and facilitate the region’s networking among entrepreneurs, investors and practitioners. About 500 representatives from government departments, universities, think tanks, business community and media from Thailand, China and other countries attended the conference. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the conference and delivered remarks.

On 10 October 2018, ACC participated in the 10th International Charity Sale “Love Knows No Borders” held in the National Stadium in Beijing. The Charity Sale was initiated by Mme. Qian Wei, wife of Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, under the theme of “Hear Love of The World”. The fund raised would be used to implant artificial cochlea for hearing-impaired children in the poverty-stricken areas in Gansu Province via China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation. During the Charity Sale, guests including the couple of State Councilor Wang Yi visited the booth of ACC. The products of Southeast Asian characteristics carefully prepared by ACC received warm welcome by visitors and many of them were sold out quickly. Many people were packed at the ACC booth and a lot of visitors also made inquiry and learned about the work of ACC.
Secretary-General Chen Dehai Participated in the International Seminar on “ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership: New Era, New Vision”

On 22 October 2018, the International Seminar on “ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership: New Era, New Vision”, co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in the Kingdom of Thailand and Thammasat University was held in Bangkok, Thailand. More than 200 participants including Dr. Suriya Chindawongse, Director-General of the Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Mr. Lyu Jian, Chinese Ambassador to Thailand, Associate Prof. Dr. Kitti Prasirtsuk, Vice Rector of Thammasat University, famous scholars from ASEAN and China, representatives from Thai government departments, think tanks, universities, media and diplomatic corps in Thailand attended the seminar. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the event and delivered closing remarks.

The experts and scholars had extensive, in-depth and productive exchanges on topics such as Prospects for ASEAN-China Relations in the Changing International Geopolitical Landscape, Synergizing ASEAN’s Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025, and China’s Belt and Road Initiative and Enhancing Education, Culture, Tourism Cooperation to Strengthening ASEAN-China People to People bonds. The participants commended the fruitful results achieved by ASEAN and China through 15 years’ strategic partnership, and suggested that in the new era, both sides should make full use of the various cooperation mechanisms, fully harness respective advantages, deepen cooperation in all areas and further push forward the strategic partnership in new era, so as to benefit all
ACC Participated in the 2018 World Canal Cities Forum

From 11 to 13 October 2018, the 2018 World Canal Cities Forum was held in Yangzhou city, Jiangsu province, China. The Forum was co-hosted by World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization (WCCO) and China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNC-PEC). The ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) supported the Forum. More than 300 participants from 30 countries attended the Forum, including political dignitaries, experts, mayors and canal management officials from nearly 50 canal cities, businessmen, journalists and representatives from 20-plus international organizations.

Under the theme of Protection, Inheritance and Utilization of World Canal Cities’ Culture, participants had extensive and in-depth discussions on canal protection and development with a view to achieving sustainable development of the canals. The Forum issued the Yangzhou Initiative on the Protection, Inheritance and Utilization of the Culture of Canal Cities and other four outcome documents. H.E. Mr. Zheng Jianbang, Vice Chairman of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), H.E. Mr. Wang Jiarui, former CPPCC Vice Chairman, H.E. Mr. Brian Cowen, former Prime Minister of Ireland, H.E. Mr. Wang Jiang, Vice Governor of Jiangsu Province, and H.E. Mr. Qian Hongshan, Deputy Minister of International Department of the CPC Central Committee, attended the opening ceremony. There were four sub-forums on museum curators of world canal cities, ecological development, cultural tourism cooperation and canal protection legislation.

As a supporter of the Forum, ACC played an active role in inviting ASEAN counties to take part in the Forum. The mayor of Yangon of Myanmar, mayors of seven cities of Cambodia, deputy mayor of Vientiane of Lao PDR, secretary-general of Chiang Mai Municipal Government of Thailand, and representatives from Palembang of Indonesia attended the Forum. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, attended the Forum and the Sub-forum on World Canal Cities Cultural Tourism Cooperation, during which she exchanged views with the host of the Forum, Philippine Consul General to Shanghai Mr. Wilfredo R. Cuyugan and other participants from canal cities of ASEAN countries. She briefed them on the mandate and main work of ACC and discussed the possibilities of future cooperation on tourism, culture and education.
CHAPTER V
NETWORKING WITH RELATED AGENCIES AND MECHANISMS
Interactions with Governments of ASEAN Member States and China

1. Maintained Close Ties with Embassies of ASEAN Member States

ACC maintained close contacts with Embassies and consulates general of ASEAN countries in China, kept informed of the latest needs of ASEAN and considered its advice on ACC’s work. Besides meeting at different occasions, Mr. Chen Dehai called on all ambassadors of ASEAN Member States to China since he assumed the office as the third Secretary-General of ACC to discuss ways to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation in the new era after 15-year partnership. From 3 to 6 June 2018, ACC organized officials of Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China to visit Inner Mongolia. 14 representatives from 7 Embassies joined the visit, including Ambassador of Myanmar, U Thit Linn Ohn, DCMs from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Thailand and diplomats from Cambodia and Viet Nam. The delegation visited Hohhot, Erdos and Baotou, met with leading officials of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and Baotou Municipal Government, held group meeting with various departments of region government and visited local enterprises and historical and cultural sites. Through the visit, the delegation learned more about the development and opening up of Inner Mongolia, which is conducive to future cooperation.

2. Consolidated Communication with China’s Diplomatic Missions in ASEAN

ACC kept close communication with Embassies and consulates general of China in ASEAN Member States and made joint efforts to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation through information sharing and cooperative projects. In 2018, then Secretary-General Yang Xiuping and current Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Chinese Ambassadors to Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, as well as Consuls General in Chiang Mai and Kota Kinabalu.

3. Strengthened Exchanges with Local Governments

ACC continued to strengthen ties and coordination with local governments of China to jointly promote exchanges and cooperation at local level. In 2018, then Secretary-General Yang Xiuping and current Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited and interacted with leading officials of Guangxi, Yunnan, Guizhou, Inner Mongolia, Jiangxi, Jiangsu, Hainan, Sichuan, Chongqing as well as cities including Nanning, Guiyang, Chengdu, Hohhot, Baotou, Leshan and Wuxi. They exchanged views on further advancing local cooperation with ASEAN.

4. Enhanced Working Relations with the Government of Macao Special Administrative Region

From 20 to 22 March 2018, then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping paid a working visit to Macao Special Administrative Region and met with Mr. Raimundo Arrais do Rosario, Secretary for Transport and Public Works of Macao, Ms. Mok Lan, Director of Cultural Affairs Bureau, Ms. Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, Director of Macao Government Tourism Office, Mr. Kong Chi Meng, Sub-Director of Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, Mme. Tina Teng Iat Ho, President of Women’s General Association of Macao, Mr. Jackson Chang, President of Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute and Mr. Louie Wong Lok I, Acting Director of Macao Government Information Bureau. They exchanged views on promoting ASEAN-China and ASEAN-Macao practical cooperation as well as people-to-people exchanges.

【Outcomes】

These exchanges strengthened ties between ACC and relevant parties concerned and raised ACC’s profile especially its efforts to continuously promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation. The interactions also enabled ACC to timely learn the updated needs of both sides, which will be very helpful for ACC to better carry out its future work more effectively.

ACC and ASEAN Secretariat

ACC has kept close ties with the ASEAN Secretariat. On 12 June 2018, ACC received H.E. Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, at the ACC Secretariat. Both sides exchanged views on ASEAN-China relations, and agreed to further enhance exchanges between the ASEAN Secretariat and ACC to make joint contributions to ASEAN-China practical cooperation.

Exchanges among Secretariats of ACC, AJC and AKC

ACC has maintained good cooperation with ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) and ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) in support of 10+3 cooperation. In rotation, ACC is the chair of the trilateral cooperation mechanism in 2018.
It chaired two informal meetings among Secretaries-General of ACC, AJC and AKC. On 26 January 2018, ACC chaired the 10th Informal Meeting among Secretaries-General in Chiang Mai, Thailand, during the 37th ASEAN Tourism Forum. On 30 May 2018, ACC chaired the 11th Informal Meeting among Secretaries-General at its Secretariat in Beijing. During these informal meetings, the three Centres shared information on the progress of each other’s major work and proposed cooperative projects open for the other centres’ engagement, which enhanced exchanges and mutual learning.

ACC participated in the other Centres’ activities and invited AJC and AKC to engage in ACC’s activities. From 21 to 28 December 2017, AJC and AKC sponsored two students respectively to participate in the 2017 ASEAN-China Youth Winter Camp. From 7 to 8 June 2018, then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping attended ASEAN-Korea Tourism Investment Seminar. From 2 to 12 July 2018, ACC sponsored two Korean students to participate in the 2018 ASEAN-Korea Youth Network Workshop. From 2 to 12 July 2018, ACC sponsored two Chinese Students to join 2018 ASEAN-Korea Youth Network Workshop. From 10 to 16 July 2018, AKC sponsored two Korean students to participate in the 2nd ASEAN-China Youth Summer Camp. On 8 August 2018, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Symposium Celebrating the 51st Anniversary of ASEAN held by AJC in Tokyo and delivered remarks.

ACC and UN

On 15 August 2018, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Nicholas Rosellini, United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative to China at the ACC Secretariat. Both sides shared the mandate and main work of each organization, exchanged views on ASEAN-China practical cooperation and explored ways to conduct cooperative programmes in future. Since ACC and UN organizations in China have same goals in pushing forward regional cooperation and promoting common development, both sides agreed to enhance experience sharing and mutual learning, and make joint contribution to the social-economic development of the region.

ACC and Boao Forum for Asia

From 9 to 11 April 2018, then ACC Secretary-General Yang Xiuping attended Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference. She participated in a series of activities including the opening ceremony, 21st Century Maritime Silk Road: Islands Economic Cooperation Session, the Session on the Marginalized Rural Asia, Higher Education Roundtable Meeting Themed “The Rise of Asian Universities”, Round-table Meeting on Asian Regional Cooperation Organization, etc, during which she delivered remarks. She also took the opportunity to interact with the participants, briefed on ACC’s efforts to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation and exchanged views on further advancing regional cooperation in various fields.

ACC and International Network of Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

ACC maintained exchanges with INBAR on promoting sustainable development of ASEAN and China. On 25 June 2018, TID Director Guo Chuanwei of ACC participated in the high-level dialogue under the theme of “South-South Cooperation and the Belt and Road Initiative” of the Global Bamboo and Rattan Congress in Beijing. Dr. Hans Friederich, Director-General of INBAR, and Ms. Charlotte Salford, Associate Vice-President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), made keynote remarks at the dialogue. Senior Officials from ASEAN energy and resource institutes carried out heated exchanges on the use of bamboo and rattan resources to cope with climate change, improving the living standards of the people in developing countries, and advancing South-South cooperation and sustainable development.

On 26 June, ACC co-sponsored the Parallel Session-A Vision for Bamboo and Rattan in ASEAN with the National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (NFGA) and INBAR. The participants highlighted ASEAN countries’ rich resources of bamboo and rattan and unique advantages in developing bamboo and rattan industry, called for stronger cooperation from ASEAN countries in protection, development and utilization of bamboo and rattan resources, and encouraged more organizations and people to join the green industry to boost the green growth of ASEAN countries.
### ACC Chronology

(2017.12.09 — 2018.11.25)

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<td>ACC attended the 6th ASEAN plus China Japan Korea Village Leaders Exchange Program</td>
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<td>ACC received Director-General of Economic Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR</td>
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<td>ACC attended ASEAN plus China Japan Korea Conference on Interpreting Natural and Cultural Heritage Towards Quality Guiding and Satisfied Tourists in Siem Reap</td>
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<td>ACC received a delegation of trainees for 2018 Seminar on China-Thailand Business Culture Integration</td>
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<td>ACC hosted International Symposium on Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership in Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>ACC attended promotional activity of the 5th China Beijing International Fair for Trade in Services</td>
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<td>ACC attended the ASEAN-Korea Tourism Investment Seminar</td>
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<td>ACC attended the 2nd Meeting of Joint Working Group on Cross-Border Economic Cooperation under Lancang-Mekong Cooperation</td>
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<td>ACC attended the 2nd International Conference on the ASEAN Mutual Recognition of Tourism Professionals</td>
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<td>H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai Assumed Office as the third Secretary-General of ACC</td>
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<td>ACC sponsored Chinese students to attend summer programmes with ASEAN Students in Korea and the Philippines</td>
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<td>ACC attended the 48th Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organizations</td>
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<td>ACC organized senior officials of Embassies of ASEAN Member States to attend the 24th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair</td>
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<td>ACC hosted Workshop on Weibo for ASEAN Embassies and Media in Beijing</td>
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<td>ACC hosted the 2nd ASEAN-China Youth Summer Camp in Beijing and Chengdu</td>
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<td>ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Director General of Jiangxi Provincial Foreign Affairs and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Beijing</td>
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<td>ACC received the delegation of the Seminar on China-Thailand Business Culture Integration</td>
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<td>ACC attended the SEAMEO Centre for Directors Meeting (CDM)</td>
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<td>ACC co-organized training programme on Chinese language for tour guide teachers with Brunei Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism</td>
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<td>ACC co-hosted and supported seven activities during the 11th CAECW</td>
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<td>ACC supported the First China-ASEAN Forum on Innovation of Industry and Education Integration &amp; Cooperation for Yalong Silk Road College</td>
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<td>ACC attended the First Student Vocational Skills Competition of China-ASEAN Education Exchange Week</td>
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<td>ACC supported the Second Annual Session of China-ASEAN Innovation and Entrepreneurship Education Alliance of Universities-Global Innovative and Entrepreneurial Talent Training President Forum</td>
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<td>ACC co-organized the Second Partnership Workshop for SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme</td>
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<td>ACC organized a trade and investment mission to Viet Nam</td>
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<td>ACC organized a trade and investment mission to Myanmar</td>
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<td>ACC held Reception Celebrating the 15th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership and in Honour of H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai</td>
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<td>ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the ASEAN 51st Anniversary Symposium in Tokyo</td>
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<td>ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with President of CCPIT Sichuan Council</td>
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<td>ACC received Vice President of China Public Diplomacy Association and China Soong Ching Ling Foundation</td>
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<td>ACC co-sponsored 2018 Soong Ching Ling Cup China-ASEAN Youth Football Friendly Matches</td>
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<td>ACC organized officials of the Embassies of ASEAN Member States to visit the 2018 World Robot Conference</td>
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<td>ACC hosted a familiarization trip for media officials from ASEAN Member States' Embassies to visit Anhui province</td>
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<td>ACC participated in 15th China-ASEAN Expo and 15th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, and co-hosted the China-ASEAN Cross-Border E-commerce Development Forum</td>
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<td>ACC co-hosted the launching ceremony of the China (Sichuan)-ASEAN Free Trade Cooperation Center with Chengdu Shuangliu District Government</td>
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<td>ACC attended the Belt and Road Global Chambers of Commerce and Associations Conference and co-hosted the China-ASEAN Investment Promotion Seminar</td>
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