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 as well as information and media. The ACC Secretariat is located in Beijing. The current Secretary-General is H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai.

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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 2019 marks the 16th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. ASEAN-China relations have entered a new phase of all-around development, and both sides are ushering in broader space for cooperation. In 2019, following the guidance of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030 and taking the opportunity of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) actively implemented important consensus reached by the leaders of both sides, pushed forward the practical cooperation and enhanced the people-to-people exchanges under the direction and in the priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation, which received wide acknowledgement and strong support from the governments and sectors of ASEAN Member States and China.

In 2019, as approved by its Joint Council, ACC has been actively carrying out 23 flagship projects and organized or participated in numerous productive activities. To cope with the opportunities and challenges brought by new technologies, ACC continued to deepen the exchanges and mutual learning in such innovative fields as smart city, intelligent industries, artificial intelligence between ASEAN Member States and China, and facilitate the platform building. Focusing on the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges, ACC actively promoted the media exchanges between ASEAN countries and China, and tapped cooperation potential to jointly bring the bilateral media cooperation to a higher level and improve the people-to-people ties. In 2019, ACC yielded fruitful results in promoting practical cooperation of both sides in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism as well as information and media.

On trade and investment, ACC focused on the implementation of the upgraded ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA), and played a bridging
role for economic cooperation. To deepen the Belt and Road international cooperation and the innovation-driven development, ACC co-hosted the “Innovation Leading Development: 2019 ASEAN-China Intelligent Industry Conference” in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, and the ASEAN-China Digital Economy Industry Forum in Beijing, promoting both sides to drive high-quality development with innovation. ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China Trade and Investment Promotion Seminars in Anhui, Jiangxi, Shandong and Gansu Provinces, introducing trade and investment policies of ASEAN countries to local governments and businesses in China, and providing reliable platforms for ASEAN countries to understand China’s local investment policies. ACC continued facilitating ASEAN enterprises to expand business in China by co-hosting events including the 2019 South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair, the 3rd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum and the China (Sichuan) - South and Southeast Asia Business Leaders Summit. ACC supported the China-ASEAN Business Leaders Forum during the 16th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (CABIS) in Nanning, the 2019 China International Big Data Industry Expo in Guiyang and the 2019 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Expo in Kunming. In order to expand trade and investment opportunities, ACC successively organized groups of Chinese enterprises to Viet Nam and Singapore, and participated in the 2nd China Healthcare Products Expo in Jakarta, Indonesia. To strengthen cooperation in agriculture, science and technology, new and renewable energy as well as connectivity and production capacity, ACC organized field visits to China Electronics Technology Group Corporation International and China Gezhouba Group Corporation International in
Beijing and iFLYTEK in Hefei, set the ASEAN Pavilion at the 17th China International Trade Fair for the Grain and Oil Products, co-hosted the 2nd ASEAN-China Industrial Design & Innovation Design Forum in Liuzhou, attended the East Asia Summit New Energy Forum in Kunming, the Smart China Expo 2019 and the China (Chongqing)-Singapore Demonstration Strategic Connectivity Financial Summit in Chongqing, the First Forum on China Pilot Free Trade Zone Development in Wuhan, the China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing, the World Ocean Week in Xiamen, etc. Besides, ACC participated in major international and regional events with sustained influence including the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2019, the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for international Cooperation, the 10th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium, the 7th China-Central Asia Cooperation Forum as well as activities related to ASEAN Plus Three (APT) such as the 8th APT Village Officials Exchange Project and the China-Japan-Korea Belt and Road Business Conference.

**On education**, ACC created a new flagship project “Higher Education Exchange and Cooperation” to expand the scope of friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in the field of education between ASEAN and China. Under this project, ACC jointly launched the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health with Peking University Health Science Centre to facilitate the building of a long-term mechanism for mutual learning and in-depth cooperation in medical education, scientific research and healthcare services. ACC also co-hosted or supported a series of activities with a view of fostering ASEAN-China wide-spectrum collaboration in higher education, including students’ exchanges, capacity building, joint
research and so on. With the ever-growing demands for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) collaboration between ASEAN and China, ACC made new endeavors to conduct field research on TVET institutes in China, so as to better understand the policy momentum, their achievements and needs in cooperation with ASEAN countries, towards fostering better synergy for TVET institutes of both sides. Meanwhile, ACC played an active role in contributing to the building of an ASEAN-China TVET Community with a shared future by supporting major events such as the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programs, the Partnership Workshop of SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme and the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Summit Forum. ACC deepened and broadened the partnership with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and gave full play to the role of the China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW) to expand the scope of educational cooperation. ACC also leveraged the strength of partnership with universities and government departments to deepen youth exchanges, and enhance mutual understanding and forge friendship among our future leaders, which will contribute to the building of an even closer ASEAN-China Community with a shared future.

On culture, ACC maintained good relations with partners from government departments, cultural organizations, academia and related companies in China and ASEAN countries, and actively promoted cultural and people-to-people exchanges. In 2019, ACC expanded cultural exchanges and interactions between China and ASEAN, organized various creative activities to promote mutual
understanding and appreciation. ACC co-hosted the 4th ASEAN Gourmet Festival: the Harmony of Amazing Thai Flavours, 2019 ASEAN-China Fair and the 2019 “Soong Ching Ling Cup” China-ASEAN Youth Football Friendly Matches, co-sponsored the launching ceremony of Documentary Dan’s Way-Indonesia, co-organized the 14th China-ASEAN Culture Forum, launched the Collection of ASEAN Short Stories and Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals, supported and attended several cultural activities such as 2019 Shenzhen Belt and Road International Music Festival, ASEAN Week 2019 in Seoul, 2019 Beijing Science Camp for ASEAN Youth, the Inauguration Ceremony of 10+3 Culture City Network, the 2nd General Assembly of ASEAN-China Arts Colleges Alliance and 4th Round Table Meeting of the Heads of China-ASEAN Art Colleges. ACC also maintained and updated the website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges in 2019. Warmly welcomed by the public, these activities demonstrated the uniqueness and diversity of China and ASEAN cultures, and achieved fruitful results.

On tourism, with the mutually beneficial policies, sustained economic and two-way travel growth, tourism exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China are facing golden opportunities and a bright future. Under this scenario, ACC strengthened its partnership with relevant parties of ASEAN and China, so as to continuously push forward the ASEAN-China tourism collaboration with more practical results. ACC participated in ASEAN Tourism Forum 2019 in Halong, Meetings of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations and ASEAN Plus China, Japan And Republic of Korea NTOs in Siem Reap, Annual Assembly of China-
ASEAN Tourism Education Alliance in Jakarta, 2019 ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week, the 44th GMS Tourism Working Group Meeting as well as other important tourism events happened in the year of 2019. Via major travel fairs in big cities of China, such as Xi’an, Beijing and Kunming, ACC circulated the newly-printed ASEAN tourism materials and played many times the documentary Hi! ASEAN and further promoted the ASEAN tourism in the outbound travel market of China. To further help ASEAN tourism stakeholders provide better services for inbound tourists, better understand Chinese culture and more proficiently use Chinese language, the flagship projects of ASEAN-China Tourism Capacity Building and Chinese Language Training Programme for Chinese Language Tour Guide Teachers were conducted in Mandalay, Bangkok and Siem Reap. These projects were highly appreciated by local tourism authorities and stakeholders of ASEAN.

On information and public relations, to highlight the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges, ACC spared no efforts to design and implement a series of projects and activities which further strengthened media networking between the two sides as well as boosted public awareness about ASEAN-China relations. Flagship projects were upgraded. The 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum achieved a great success, attracting mainstream media attendance and coverage from home and abroad. The China-bound media trip to Ningxia and Sichuan and the ASEAN-bound media trip to Brunei Darussalam and Myanmar were fruitful. Under the “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations”, three Ambassador-level lectures were held and one scholar’s lecture was conducted.
A variety of media capacity building activities and workshops were conducted to meet emerging demands from both sides. New initiatives were launched in brand building and public relations. For instance, ACC produced its first micro-video, supported CNTV to produce the VLOG by the Ambassador of the Philippines to China, and also supported the design and implementation of the mass media brand journey to ASEAN countries called “The Thousand Miles on Silk Road”.

As an inter-governmental organization co-founded by 10 ASEAN Member States and China, ACC continued to strengthen linkage 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 (AJC) and ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), etc. These efforts have further expanded ACC’s network with relevant stakeholders and are helpful to better carry out its mandate.

At the request of Thailand, as ASEAN Chair in 2019, the ACC developed a study entitled “Connecting the Connectivities - Perspective and Analysis by the ASEAN-China Centre” which was subsequently circulated to ASEAN Member States and China.

Looking forward, ACC will continue to fully harness its role as a one-stop information and activities centre. Based on past experience, ACC will join hands with all friends and partners, forge ahead in an innovative spirit, and make greater contributions to building the ASEAN-China community for a shared future with more far-reaching practical cooperation.
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TRADE AND INVESTMENT
ASEAN-China economic and trade cooperation has become a model of win-win cooperation over the past decades. In 2019, the implementation of the upgraded ASEAN-China Free Trade Area Agreement gave a strong boost to ASEAN-China economic cooperation. According to China’s statistics, the bilateral trade volume of 2019 reached 641.46 billion US dollars, China has been ASEAN’s largest trading partner for ten years in a row while ASEAN has become China’s second largest trading partner. In investment, ASEAN and China are each other’s important sources of foreign investment. The accumulative two-way investment exceeded 230 billion US dollars by the end of 2019, among which Chinese investment is over 110 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.

Cooperation on co-building the BRI has become a new highlight of ASEAN-China relations. At present, all ten ASEAN Member States have signed bilateral agreements with China on BRI cooperation, which led to the landing of a large number of infrastructures connectivity and capacity cooperation projects. In April 2019, leaders of ten ASEAN Member States attended the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing and reaffirmed the need to strengthen strategic coordination between ASEAN and China. In November, the ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Synergizing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was issued at the 22nd ASEAN-China Summit. All these have created new highlights of ASEAN-China beneficial cooperation and promoted sustainable development in the region.

In 2019, ACC spared no efforts to encourage two-way trade and investment between ASEAN and China. ACC held seminars in China’s local provinces to introduce trade and investment opportunities of ASEAN countries, organized trade and investment promotion missions to ASEAN Member States, promoted exchanges and cooperation among industries and continued raising awareness of ACFTA and bilateral trade and investment policies on various occasions and activities. In addition, ACC continued following the operation and development of ASEAN commercial centres in local provinces of China and offered assistance.

“ASEAN-China Cooperation Forum on Innovation-Driven Development”

【1. Background】

As a new round of scientific and technological revolution is unfolding globally, innovation has played a leading and underlying role in social and economic affairs. To deepen scientific, technological and innovative cooperation is a common necessity for both ASEAN and China to realize sustainable development. The Belt and Road Initiative, since being put forward by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013, has given a strong boost on trade and investment. A new pattern of innovation-driven and universally beneficial economy is taking shape. These trends have become new impetus of world economy and created new growth areas in ASEAN-China cooperation.

2019 is a year of new important progress in building the Belt and Road international cooperation. All parties have cooperated closely in related areas of interconnection and achieved positive results. In April, the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation was held in Beijing. Chinese President Xi Jinping emphasized in his opening speech the need to keep up with the trend of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, jointly seize opportunities created by digital,
networked and smart development, explore new technologies and new forms and models of business, foster new growth drivers and explore new development pathways, and build the digital Silk Road and the Silk Road of innovation.

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 intelligent manufacturing, big data, e-commerce and cross border economy.

【2. Activities】

(1) Co-hosted the “Innovation Leading Development: 2019 ASEAN-China Intelligent Industry Conference”

On 25 July 2019, ACC co-hosted the “Innovation Leading Development: ASEAN-China Intelligent Industry Conference” with the Mission of China to ASEAN, Consulate General of China in Ho Chi Minh City and Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. Nearly 500 participants including senior officials of government departments, leaders of chambers of commerce, entrepreneurs as well as media representatives from ASEAN countries and China attended the conference and relevant activities.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Khov Makara, Undersecretary of State of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia, Mr. Wu Jun, Consul-General of the People’s Republic of China in Ho Chi Minh City,
Ms. Jiang Qin, Minister Counsellor of the Mission of China to ASEAN, Mr. Vo Tan Thanh, Vice President of Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of ASEAN-Japan Centre, and Ms. Han Mei, Deputy Secretary-General of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, attended and addressed the conference. Representatives and experts from Guangdong High-tech Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Malaysian National Institute of Economics Research, Asia Pacific Investment Bank, FAW HAIMA Automobile Co., Ltd, Dorlly, 3Nod Group, Bureau of Big Data Development of Guangxi, Huawei, BW Industrial Company, Xiaomi Finance, Kingsoft Cloud and Nanjing Digital Finance made remarks at the conference.

Participants shared views and exchanged experiences on the topics such as cooperation and development opportunities in China’s intelligent industry and ASEAN countries, innovation and cooperation in intelligent industry and silk road e-commerce between ASEAN and China, practice of China’s smart manufacturing, win-win ecosystem for ASEAN’s intelligence industry in the new era, smart finance and 5G technology.

(2) Hosted the ASEAN-China Digital Economy Industry Forum

On November 23 2019, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China Digital Economy Industry Forum with People Daily Online and Global Times in Beijing. Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of the Trade and Investment Division of ACC, Mr. Zhu Defu, Secretary-General of the Beijing Private Technology Entrepreneur Association, Mr. Shi Ding, Executive Editor-in-chief of Global Times Online, and Mr. Xie Bing, Vice Chairman of the Chia Tai Group attended and addressed the forum. Economic and business counsellors from the embassies of Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam in China briefed on the current status of digital economy development, trade and investment environment, as well as investment promotion policies in their respective countries. Representatives from Chia Tai Group, Legal Research Center of Tencent Research Institute, Qi An Xin Group, Cultural Big Data Engineering Center of the Institute of Automation of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Beijing Raysdata Co., Ltd. delivered keynote speeches respectively.

About 200 representatives from embassies of ASEAN countries in China, international organizations, Chinese and...
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foreign business associations, enterprises and media, as well as experts and scholars attended the forum.

[3. Outcomes ]

The Innovation Leading Development: ASEAN-China Intelligent Industry Conference was timely held after the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and aligning with the yearly theme of ASEAN Sustainable Development. The ASEAN-China Digital Economy Industry Forum was held after the 22nd ASEAN-China Summit and aligning with the theme of 2020 - the year for ASEAN-China digital economy cooperation. Focused on the current development and future prospect of innovation leading development and intelligent manufacturing, the conference and the forum set up a beneficial platform for exchanges and cooperation and contributed wisdom to promote the cooperation of ASEAN-China digital economy and intelligent industry. Both events were well received by the business circles and enterprises of both sides and raised constructive views and practical suggestions by ASEAN and Chinese enterprises on cooperation under the BRI.

By co-hosting such large-scale forums and conferences every year in ASEAN countries and China, ACC not only promoted exchanges between the political and business sectors, but also deepened the public understanding of ASEAN-China all-round cooperation and promoted people-to-people understanding and exchanges. 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 tapped potentials for future cooperation for enterprises of both sides.

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

[1. Background ]

At present, both ASEAN and China are at an important period for further development and are embracing new opportunities in trade and investment cooperation. ASEAN enterprises are keen to know more about China’s economic policies and seek more business opportunities in China, while Chinese businessmen are keen to learn more about ASEAN markets. However, due to lack of information, many enterprises, especially the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) of both sides, do not know where to start their business or whom they could cooperate with. To further boost the trade and investment relations between ASEAN and China, ACC worked with local Chinese governments and the Embassies of ASEAN Member States in China to conduct activities promoting two-way trade and investment policies and business environment, aiming 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 Two-way Trade and Investment Promotion Activities in Provinces of China

a. Hosted the ASEAN-China (Anhui) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar in Hefei, Anhui Province

On 8 May 2019, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Anhui) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar with Bureau of Commerce of Anhui Province in Hefei. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and Mr. Zhang Jian, Director-General of Bureau of Commerce of Anhui Province, attended and addressed the seminar. More than 200 people including officials of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China and business representatives of Anhui were present.

In the session of trade and investment promotion, representative of China’s Ministry of Commerce elaborated on
the upgraded policies of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area for participating enterprises. Counsellors and representatives in charge of commerce of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China from Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam made presentations on trade conditions and preferential policies for attracting investments. Business promotions were also made by representatives of Anhui Shushan Development Zone, Feixi Economic Development Zone, BBCA Group, Tongguan Mines Construction and AMATA Corp. PCL of Thailand.

ACC also organized field tours for ASEAN officials to leading high-tech enterprises in Anhui including iFLYTEK, Dulong Cross-border E-commerce, BEACON and Datatang.

b. Co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Jiangxi) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province

On 10 May 2019, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN–China (Jiangxi) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar with the Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangxi Province in Nanchang. The Seminar was organized by the Alliance of Strategic Cooperation for Jiangxi Enterprises Going Global and was supported by Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture and
Rural Affairs of Jiangxi Province and Jiangxi Federation of Industry and Commerce. Mme. Wu Zhongqiong, Vice Governor of Jiangxi Province, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the seminar. More than 300 people including officials of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China and representatives of Jiangxi enterprises were present.

In the session of trade and investment promotion, the representative of China’s Ministry of Commerce elaborated on the upgraded policies of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area for the participating enterprises. Counsellors and representatives in charge of commerce of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China from Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam made presentations on business environment and policies for attracting FDI of their countries. Business promotions were also made by the representatives of Department of Commerce of Jiangxi Province, AMATA Corp. PCL from Thailand, Bank of China Jiangxi Branch, Jiangxi International Economic and Technological Cooperation Corporation, Zhongmei Engineering Group and Zhengbang Group.

ACC also organized field tours for officials of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China to visit leading local enterprises including Jiangxi International Economic and Technological Cooperation Corporation and Zhongmei Engineering Group.

c. Co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Gansu) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar in Lanzhou, Gansu Province

On 4 July 2019, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Gansu) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar with the People’s Government of Gansu Province in Lanzhou. Mr. Yu Jian, Vice Governor of Gansu Province, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the seminar. About 120 people including officials of embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, representatives of local authorities and enterprises attended the seminar.

In the two-way trade and investment promotion session, the representative of China’s Ministry of Commerce
elaborated on the upgraded policies of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area for the participating enterprises. Commercial counsellors and representatives of embassies of ASEAN Member States in China from Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam as well as the representative of Enterprise Singapore made presentations respectively on the economic and trade policies and business environment of ASEAN countries. Special promotion on business investment in economic and industrial parks at home and abroad were also made by the representatives of Lanzhou Economic and Technological Development Zone and AMATA Corp. PCL from Thailand.

With the help of the Department of Commerce and the Economic Cooperation Bureau of Gansu Province, ACC organized field visits to the National Tianshui Economic and Technological Development Zone and Lanzhou Western Pharmaceutical Valley Industrial Park. The visits helped the officials of embassies of ASEAN Member States in China have a better understanding of the economic and social development of Gansu Province.

(2) Co-hosted and Supported Large-scale Trade Fairs and Forums in Different Parts of China

a. Co-hosted the 2019 South & Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair and the 3rd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum

On 12-18 June 2019, ACC co-hosted the 2019 South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair (SSACEIF) with China Chamber of International Commerce, SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Yunnan Provincial Government in Kunming, Yunnan Province. With the theme of “A Better Gateway and Powerhouse for Shared Development and Prosperity”, the fair covered an exhibition area of 170,000 square meters. Altogether 3348 enterprises from 74 countries and regions as well as 20 Chinese provinces participated in the exhibition.

On 12 June 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the opening ceremony of the Fair. Dr. Than Myint, Minister of Commerce of Myanmar, Mr. Tipu Munshi, Minister of Commerce of Bangladesh, Mr. Jayamaha, Deputy-Minister of Development and International Trade of Sri Lanka, the Country of Honor, Dr. Chhuon Dara, Secretary of State of Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia, the Guest Country, Mr. Li Bo, Vice-Chairman of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, Mr. Fan Youshan, Vice-Chairman of All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, and Mr. Chen Zhou, Vice President of CCPIT, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. Nearly 2000 representatives from diplomatic missions in China, international organizations, business associations and enterprises were present.
On 13 June 2019, ACC co-hosted the 3rd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum with Yunnan Provincial People’s Government in Kunming, Yunnan Province. Mr. Li Zhengyang, Vice-Chairman of Yunnan CPPCC, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, Mr. Nguon Mengtech, Director-General of Cambodian Chamber of Commerce attended the forum among 500 participants including government officials, business leaders, well-known entrepreneurs and media representatives from China and Southeast Asian countries. Under the theme of “Belt and Road, Innovative Cooperation, Common Development”, the speakers agreed that all parties should explore new ways for regional cooperation and strengthen trade and investment cooperation for common development and prosperity. During the forum, a working conference on mechanism construction of the chambers of commerce of China and Southeast Asian countries was held, where the Declaration on Business Cooperation of the 3rd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum was signed.

b. Co-hosted the China (Sichuan)-South & Southeast Asia Business Leaders Summit

From 17 to 20 September 2019, ACC co-hosted the China (Sichuan)-South & Southeast Asia Business Leaders Summit with CCPIT, the People’s Government of Sichuan Province and SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Chengdu. Li Yunze, Vice Governor of Sichuan Province, Chen Jian’an, Vice President of CCPIT, Raul L. Lambino, Secretary of President Office of the Philippines, Ruwan Edirisinghe, President of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and 500 representatives from business circles and media both of China and South & Southeast Asian countries, as well as international organizations attended the summit. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. At the Summit, representatives from chambers of commerce of South & Southeast Asian countries, including Lao PDR, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, delivered keynote speeches on promoting business environment, improving infrastructure, deepening connectivity and enhancing cultural exchanges. The representatives also witnessed the launching of Sichuan commodity exhibition and sales centers in Pakistan and Malaysia as well as the signing of relevant cooperation and exchange agreements.

On 18 September, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the China (Sichuan) - South & Southeast Asia Chambers of Commerce Roundtable. The participants reviewed and shared experiences of previous South Asia-Sichuan Business Promotion Round-table Conference, and discussed about the 2020 Summit.
c. Supported the 25th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair

On 4 July 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the opening ceremony of the 25th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair (CLZITF) and the High-Level Forum on the Silk Road Cooperation and Development held in Lanzhou, Gansu Province. Mr. Leung Chun-ying, Vice Chairman of the 13th CPPCC National Committee, declared the opening of the 25th CLZITF. Mr. Lin Duo, Secretary of the CPC Gansu Provincial Committee and Chairman of Standing Committee of Gansu Provincial People’s Congress, and Mr. Li Chenggang, Assistant Minister of Chinese Ministry of Commerce, addressed the opening ceremony. Mr. Tang Renjian, Deputy-Secretary of the CPC Gansu Provincial Committee and Governor of Gansu Province, presided over the opening ceremony.
At the High-Level Forum on the Silk Road Cooperation and Development, Mr. Alexander Antic, Minister of Mining and Energy of the Guest Country Serbia, Mr. Yin Li, Deputy-Secretary of the CPC Sichuan Provincial Committee and Governor of Sichuan, Province of Honor, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and Mr. Wang Xiangming, General Manager of China Resources, delivered speeches at the High-Level Forum. Leaders of Gansu Province, officials from central and local governments of China, representatives of 42 participating countries, international organizations and enterprises attended the events.

d. Supported the 2019 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Expo and the LMC Dianchi Forum

On 21 November 2019, the opening ceremonies of the 2019 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) Expo and the LMC Dianchi Forum were held in Kunming, Yunnan Province. The events were hosted by China International Chamber of Commerce (CCOIC) and organized by CCPIT Yunnan Sub-council and Kunming Municipal Government. Mr. Lu Pengqi, Vice President of CCPIT and CCOIC, Mr. Chen Junjie, representative of the Asia Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of Trade and Investment Division of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), and Mr. Wang Guoping, Deputy Secretary-General of Asian Financial Cooperation Association (AFCA), attended and addressed the opening ceremony. H.E. Mr. Chhuon Dara, Cambodian State Secretary of Ministry of Commerce, and a representative of the Lao Planning and Investment Department attended the event.

After the opening ceremony, H.E. Mr. Chhuon Dara, Cambodian State Secretary of Ministry of Commerce, spoke highly of the LMC mechanism and the building of Belt and Road at the LMC Dianchi Forum. He suggested that the six countries should further enhance the competitiveness of regional economy to benefit all the people in the region by innovating development and cooperation models, improving infrastructure and policy connectivity and promoting collaborative cooperation. Focusing on mechanism construction, cross-border economic cooperation and the China (Yunnan) Pilot Free Trade Zone, guests including Mr. Wang Yiming, former Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Provincial People’s Congress, Mr. Tu Guangshao, former Executive Vice Mayor of Shanghai and Mr. Zhao Xiaoyu, Chairman of the Council of China Green Development and Green Finance Entrepreneurs discussed the practical significance and development direction of LMC and shared innovation modes and practice of industrial cooperation under the framework of the LMC mechanism.
e. Attended the 12th China Northeast Asia Expo

On 23 August 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID, attended the Opening Ceremony of the 12th China-Northeast Asia Expo and High-Level Forum on Northeast Asia Cooperation in Changchun, Jilin Province.

H.E. Hu Chunhua, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Premier of the State Council, attended the opening ceremony, read out President Xi Jinping’s congratulatory letter and made a keynote speech. Mr. Bayanqolu, Secretary of the CPC Jilin Provincial Committee, Mr. Kwon Goo Hoon, Chairman of North Economic Cooperation Commission of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Wang Shouwen, Vice Minister of Ministry of Commerce of China and Deputy Representative for international trade negotiations, Mme. Gao Yan, Chairman of CCPIT as well as other Chinese and foreign honorable guest attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. Besides the exhibition, a number of meetings and forums were held during the Expo, including the 10th High-Level Forum on Northeast Asia Cooperation, the 19th “Greater Tumen Initiative” Intergovernmental Consultative Committee Ministerial Meeting, Round-table Conference of Heads of Local Governments in Northeast Asia Cooperation, 2019 Summit for China-Japan-ROK Entrepreneurs, the 4th World Jilin Entrepreneurs Convention, etc.

f. Attended the 16th China-ASEAN Expo and the 16th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

On 21 September 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Opening Ceremony of the 16th China-ASEAN Expo and the 16th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

H.E. Han Zheng, Chinese Vice Premier and member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, attended and delivered keynote speech. Secretary of the CPC Guangxi Regional Committee and Chairman of Guangxi Regional People’s Congress Lu Xinshe, Vice Minister of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative Yu Jianhua, Chairperson of CCPIT Gao Yan, Indonesian President’s Special Envoy and Coordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Myanmar’s First Vice President U Myint Swe, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Hor Namhong, Lao Deputy Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce Jurin Laksanavisit, Vietnam’s Deputy Prime Minister Vu Due Dam, as well as ministers from other ASEAN countries made remarks.

On 21 September 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the China-ASEAN Business Leaders Forum held in Nanning. The forum was co-hosted by CCPIT and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and supported by ACC and national chambers of commerce and industry of ten ASEAN countries. H.E. Lu Xinshe,
Secretary of the CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Regional Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Guangxi People’s Congress, H.E. Gao Yan, Chairperson of CCPI, H.E. Bronislaw Komorowski, Former President of Poland, H.E. Pan Sorasak, Minister of Commerce of Cambodia, H.E. Dr. Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore, and Secretary-General Chen Dehai addressed the opening ceremony. Four hundred people including officials from Chinese and ASEAN governments and trade promotion agencies, business leaders, experts and scholars, representatives of enterprises, financial institutions, media and international organizations attended the forum.

(3) Attended the 2018 Belt and Road International Innovation Forum

On 14 December 2018, the ACC representative attended the 2018 Belt and Road International Innovation Forum
held in Beijing. Hosted by 21st Century Business Herald, the forum consisted of the opening ceremony, keynote speeches and round-table dialogues. Nearly 300 people including government officials, entrepreneurs, experts and scholars, journalists and representatives of international organizations participated in the forum. With the theme of “Opening, Innovation and Opportunity”, the participants discussed how the Belt and Road Initiative would become an effective path to promote new globalization and put forward targeted solutions to the hot topics of the Belt and Road finance and economics. Innovation projects of 2018 were also released at the forum.

(4) Attended the ASEAN-China (Dezhou) Economic and Trade Conference

On 11-12 April 2019, the ASEAN-China (Dezhou) Economic and Trade Conference was held in Qihe County, Shandong Province. Mr. Liu Bingguo, Mayor of Dezhou, Mr. Qu Feng, Secretary of the CPC Qihe County Committee, Tan Sri Lim Gait Tong, President of China-ASEAN Business Association (CABA), Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. Nearly 300 representatives of ASEAN business associations and enterprises, including the Malaysia-China Business Council, the Chinese Committee of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, the Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and the Thailand Council for the Promotion of Peaceful Reunification of China, as well as representatives of local Chinese enterprises attended the conference. Economic and trade activities including promotion on investment environment of Dezhou, seminar on business opportunities in ASEAN countries, networking and business matching as well as project signing were held.

(5) Attended the First Forum on China Pilot Free Trade Zone Development

On 21 June 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended and made remarks on the First Forum on China Pilot Free Trade Zone Development held in Wuhan, Hubei Province. Mr. Fang Aiqing, Deputy Director of the 13th CPPCC Committee for Economic Affairs, Mr. Huang Chuping, Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Hubei Provincial Committee, Executive Vice Governor of Hubei Province, Mr. Devanand Ramiah, UNDP Acting Resident Representative in China, and more than 400 participants including representatives of diplomatic missions in China, international organizations, pilot free trade zones and enterprises attended the forum. Chinese and foreign guests made keynote
speeches on the experience of free trade zones and the innovation and development of China pilot free trade zones. The Report on the Development of China Pilot Free Trade Zones was released and cooperation projects in China (Hubei) Pilot Free Trade Zone were signed.

3. Outcomes

The activities have built bridges between ASEAN and China, laying a stable foundation for business matching and facilitating easier access to each other’s market. The 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 through personal experience. Meanwhile, ACC helped local provinces and regions especially the inland China improve the opening-up by revving up publicity of local business environment, building more two-way trade and investment platforms and helping more enterprises especially the SMEs of both sides make good use of local preferential policies.

The programme is proved to be an effective way to promote trade and investment cooperation between ASEAN and China, and is warmly welcomed by the governments and business circles of both sides.

“Going ASEAN—Investment Promotion Tours”

1. Background

ASEAN-China cooperation is facing new opportunities. The Belt and Road Initiative has opened up broad prospects for ASEAN-China cooperation. The upgraded ASEAN-China Free Trade Area, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation mechanism have injected fresh impetus to ASEAN-China economic cooperation.

Geographical proximity, low cost of labour, abundant resources and favourable investment environment have made ASEAN one of the best investment destinations. ASEAN Member States (AMS) 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 stronger 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 2019, ACC continued organizing groups of Chinese entrepreneurs to AMS and holding business matching activities to explore
more trade and investment opportunities.

【 2. Activities 】

(1) Organized Trade and Investment Promotion Group to Viet Nam

From 26 July to 27 July 2019, ACC organized a trade and investment promotion group to Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. The group was led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, and joined by about 20 representatives of Chinese enterprises in intelligent industry and domestic chambers of commerce. The group visited the Chinese Consulate-General in Ho Chi Minh City, the Investment and Trade Promotion Centre, and AMATA City Bienhoa JSC.

Consul General Wu Jun and Commercial Counsellor Wei Xichen introduced the development, investment environment and relevant policies of Ho Chi Minh City and had in-depth exchanges with the Chinese entrepreneurs on economic and trade cooperation, industrial investment and operation, financial integration, intelligent manufacturing, cross-border e-commerce as well as talent exchange in Ho Chi Minh City and its surrounding provinces.

Mr. Nguyen Tuan, Deputy Director of Investment and Trade Promotion Centre in Ho Chi Minh City, highlighted the responsibilities of ACC and the foreign investment management system and regulations of the city. The Chinese entrepreneurs expressed their willingness to develop economic and trade cooperation as well as increase investment in Viet Nam.

Mr. Osamu Sudo, Head of Marketing and Sales of AMATA City Bienhoa JSC in Viet Nam, introduced the planning and operation management of the industrial park. He said that the first phase of the park has been successfully operated for many years, while the second and third phases will be completed next year. He hoped more Chinese investors will start business in AMATA City Bienhoa JSC. The two sides had in-depth exchanges on the international operation of the park, resource docking and project cooperation.
(2) Organized Trade and Investment Promotion Group to Singapore

From 28 to 29 July 2019, ACC organized a trade and investment promotion group to Singapore. The group was led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, and joined by about 20 representatives of Chinese enterprises in intelligent industry and domestic chambers of commerce.

On July 28, the group visited the Chinese Embassy in Singapore. Minister Counsellor Mme. Zhong Manying stressed Singapore’s important position and role in the region, elaborated on Singapore’s business environment and investment policy and hoped the Chinese entrepreneurs could make good use of Singapore’s advantages and better explore the Southeast Asian market. She also suggested that the entrepreneurs actively contact with all circles of Singapore, collect information, broaden network, study the country’s development concept and its meticulous market operation system.

On July 29, the group visited key business associations and enterprises in Singapore including the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Singapore Manufacturing Federation, Business China, AMER International Group, and paid a call on Mr. Chan Soo Sen, former State Minister of Singapore’s Ministry of Trade and Industry. The Chinese entrepreneurs listened to the introduction of the business environment of Singapore as well as relevant industrial development policies and international market distribution introduced by the heads of associations and enterprises, and exchanged views on the current situation of their enterprises and future plans in Singapore and other ASEAN countries. Both sides also discussed the next step of concrete cooperation and reached preliminary consensus.

【3. Outcomes】

By organizing trade and investment promotion tours to the AMS, ACC helped the Chinese entrepreneurs get contacts to the Chinese diplomatic missions, government sectors, business associations and local enterprises in ASEAN.
countries. The Chinese entrepreneurs gained a wider understanding of the current situation and prospects of Viet Nam and Singapore’s industrial development and investment environment, felt the great potential of trade and investment cooperation, enhanced confidence to carry out mutually beneficial cooperation with ASEAN countries. They also had more ideas on taking advantage of local platforms for more in-depth and extensive cooperation in Southeast Asia. Besides, ACC also continued good relationship with the Chinese diplomatic missions to ASEAN, ASEAN government departments and chambers of commerce through those activities, laying a solid foundation for mutual support and further cooperation.

Strengthening ASEAN-China Sectoral Cooperation

【 1. Background 】

The upgraded ACFTA and the Belt and Road international cooperation 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 government, sectoral associations and business circles 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, Counsellors in charge of commerce and Business Community to Visit the Science and Technology Enterprises and Innovation Centres in China

a. Organized a Field Visit to the CETC International

On 22 January 2019, ACC organized a group of 20 senior officials of the embassies of ASEAN Member States in China to visit the CETC International in Beijing. Led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, the group visited the company’s 10,000 square meters exhibition hall. Visitors watched operation
demonstration and showed great interest in R&D capabilities and products with intellectual property rights of CETC International in smart cities, new energy, public security, network security, disaster prevention and early warning. After field visiting, the visitors had a discussion with the senior management of CETC International. Senior officials from the embassies of ASEAN Member States in Beijing including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam fully exchanged views with CETC International on the company’s current cooperation with ASEAN countries, superior products and technologies, and the prospect of developing ASEAN market.

b. Organized a Field Visit to iFLYTEK

On 7 May 2019, led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, ACC organized senior officials of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China of Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam to visit iFLYTEK in Hefei, Anhui Province. Following the detailed explanations of iFLYTEK staffs, the officials of the ASEAN diplomatic missions experienced the latest products and technologies in the fields of intelligent voice, smart home, smart city and smart education. The visitors held in-depth discussion with the heads of iFLYTEK and put forward suggestions on further cooperation between iFLYTEK and ASEAN countries.

c. Organized a Field Visit to China Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) International

On 5 September 2019, led by Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, ACC organized officials of embassies of ASEAN Member States in China including Lao PDR, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand to visit China
Gezhouba Group Corporation (CGGC) International in Beijing.

Accompanied by Mr. Liu Huailiang, General Manager of CGGC International, the guests visited the exhibition hall of the company and learned about the history, current business and achievements of the company, especially its major business and projects in ASEAN countries. The representatives of embassies of ASEAN Member States in China introduced preferential policies for investment of their countries and made full exchanges with managers of the company on future cooperation between CGGC International and ASEAN countries.

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

a. Co-hosted the 2018 China-ASEAN Agricultural Production Industry Summit Forum

On 7 December 2018, ACC co-hosted the 2018 China-ASEAN Agricultural Production Industry Summit Forum with All-China Federation of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives (ACFSMC) in Beijing. Secretary-General Chen Dehai of ACC and Mr. Wang Wei, Deputy Director of the Council of ACFSMC attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. About 120 representatives from the ASEAN Member States’ embassies in China, Chinese and foreign industries, business associations and enterprises as well as experts in agricultural economics and trade attended the forum.

At the forum, experts and scholars from the Foreign Economic Cooperation Center of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the Research Institute of the Ministry of Commerce, and the China-ASEAN Chamber of Agricultural Commerce (CACAC) made reports on topics such as China-ASEAN agricultural cooperation, the current foreign trade situation, and the development and transformation of China’s agricultural industry. Officials from the embassies of AMS such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand made presentations respectively on their national agricultural policies, economic and trade investment environment and market potential. During the forum, the unveiling ceremony of the International Water-Soluble Fertilizer Branch of the CACAC and the release of Top 10 Water-Soluble Fertilizer Enterprises and the Top 100 Fertilizer Import and Export Trade Enterprises in China of 2017 were held.

b. Co-hosted the 7th International Clean Energy Forum (Macao)

From 11 to 13 December 2018, ACC co-hosted the 7th International Clean Energy Forum in Macao with the International Forum for Clean Energy (IFCE, Macao) and the ASEAN Centre for Energy. Mr. He Houhua, Vice Chairman
of CPPCC National Committee, Mr. Ji Lin, Vice Chairman of the Economic and Social Council of China and Chairman of the CPPCC Beijing Municipal Committee, Mr. Yao Jian, Vice Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR, Ms. Wang Dong, Deputy Commissioner of China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Macao SAR, Mr. Wu Zhiliang, Member of the CPPCC, Chairman of the Macao Foundation Administrative Committee, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, together with ambassadors of Algeria, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Venezuela to China and other distinguished guests attended the Forum and relevant activities.

The theme of the Forum is “Clean Energy and Smart Leadership: China-ASEAN Energy Cooperation”. More than 200 participants including government officials, representatives of international organizations, experts, academia and entrepreneurs were present and discussed on the issues such as strengthening ASEAN-China clean energy cooperation, smart energy and energy block-chain, nuclear technology utilization, clean and highly efficient utilization of coal. The 2018 Blue Book on Clean Energy was issued and the licensing ceremony of the Energy Block Chain Technical Innovation Professional Committee was held at the forum.

c. Attended the 10th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire and Auto Accessory Exhibition and Co-hosted the China (Dongying)-ASEAN Rubber Tire and Auto Parts Industry and Investment Summit

On 15-17 May 2019, the 10th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire & Auto Accessory Exhibition (GRTAE) was held in Guangrao, Shandong Province. Mme. Ren Airong, Vice Governor of Shandong Province, Mr. Xu Yanbo, Vice Secretary of the Party Committee of China Chamber of International Commerce, Mr. Zhao Zhiyuan, Mayor of Dongying, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and addressed the opening ceremony. More than 300 representatives from Chinese cities, participating countries, international organizations and media were present. All the guests visited the exhibition and had face-to-face exchanges with exhibitors. The guests also visited the leading rubber tire and auto accessory manufacturing enterprises located in the Guangrao Economic Development Zone.

On 16 May 2019, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Dongying) Rubber Tire and Auto Parts Industry and Investment Summit with CCPIT Dongying Sub-council and the People’s Government of Guangrao during the 10th GRTAE. Mr. Feng Yidong, Vice Mayor of Dongying, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, delivered remarks. The senior officials of the embassies of ASEAN Member States in China, including Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand made presentations on rubber industry development policies and preferential conditions for attracting foreign investment
Nearly 300 participants from exhibitors at home and abroad, rubber tire and auto parts manufacturers and international purchasers attended the summit.

Promotion on economic and social development and investment environment in Guangrao and Round-table dialogue on the theme of “Partnership, Cooperation, Win-Win” were also held. Representatives from local well-known enterprise conducted in-depth exchanges with the senior officials of the Embassies of AMS on the policies of investment concerning land, finance, taxation, environmental protection and security in ASEAN countries.
d. Co-hosted the 2nd ASEAN-China Industrial Design & Innovation Design Forum

On 28 June 2019, ACC co-hosted the 2nd ASEAN-China Industrial Design & Innovation Design Forum with Liuzhou Municipal People’s Government in Liuzhou, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Zheng Junkang, Secretary of the CPC Liuzhou Committee, and Director of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People’s Congress and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, delivered remarks on behalf of the hosts. Mr. Chan Soo Sen, former State Minister of Singapore’s Ministry of Trade and Industry, Mr. Pun-Arj Chairatana, Director of National Innovation Bureau of Ministry of Science and Technology of Thailand, Mr. Unny Sankar Ravi Sankar, Secretary-General of the Belt and Road National Secretariat of Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Malaysia, and Mr. Soe Thet Naung, Consul-General of Myanmar Consulate General in Nanning attended the opening ceremony and made speeches.

During the forum, the delegates visited the Industrial Museum, Baojun Base of SAIC General Motors of Wuling Automobile Co., Ltd. and the Species Design Exhibition. The exhibition showed the development of industrial smart manufacturing in China and ASEAN countries, as well as achievements in technological innovation, which have enabled people to experience the convenience and impact of design, technology and smart manufacturing in life and industry.

e. Set up an ASEAN Pavilion at the 17th China International Trade Fair for the Grain and Oil Products, Equipment and Technology International Grain Expo (CIGOEX)

From 17 to 19 October 2019, the Poverty Alleviation Activities Held by National Non-governmental Organizations in Grain and Agriculture Industry & 17th China International Trade Fair for the Grain and Oil Products, Equipment and Technology (CIGOEX) were held in Hefei, Anhui Province. The events were hosted by Bureau for Administration on Social Organizations, Ministry of Civil Affairs of China and China National Association of Grain Sector. Grain sector associations and organizations of provinces and cities of China participated in the events. ACC participated in the CIGOEX as a supporting party.

The CIGOEX coincided with China’s sixth National Poverty Relief Day and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2019. Mr. Zhan Chengfu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of China, Mr.
Deng Xiangyang, Executive Vice Governor of Anhui Province, Mr. Han Weijiang, Deputy Director of the State Food and Materials Reserve Bureau, Mr. Yu Xubo, President of China National Association of Grain Sector, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.

ACC set up an ASEAN Pavilion at the CIGOEX. Industrial and commercial associations as well as trade enterprises from Lao PDR, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the exhibition. ASEAN featured agricultural products including palm oil, tea, dried fruit and coffee, attracted a large number of visitors. The ASEAN Pavilion had become one of the must-see pavilions of the fair.

f. Supported the 2019 China International Big Data Industry Expo

From 25 to 28 May 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, on behalf of ACC as one of the supporting parties, attended the China International Big Data Industry Expo 2019 held in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a letter of congratulation to the Expo, stating that China is willing to share opportunities for digital economic development with other countries, and jointly explore new driving forces in economic growth and new paths for development by exploring new technologies, new formats and new models. H.E. Mr. Wang Chen, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, H.E. Mr. Suiri, Deputy-Speaker of Morocco Senate, H.E. Mr. Sun Zhigang, Secretary of Guizhou Provincial Party Committee, H.E. Mr. Miao Wei, Minister of Industry and Information Technology of China, and Mr. Yang Xiaowei, Deputy-Director of Cyberspace Administration of China, attended and delivered remarks at the opening ceremony.

Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director, also attended the High-End Dialogue on Digital Economy, the Global Block Chain Forum (GBF) - Technological Innovation and Integration and discussed with relevant parties on the possibility of future cooperation.

g. Attended the Lancang-Mekong Countries Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation Promotion Activities

On 3 December 2018, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the Lancang-Mekong Countries Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation Promotion Activities hosted by the International Cooperation Center (ICC) of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of China in Beijing. About 150 representatives...
h. Attended the Global Partners’ Luncheon of China Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Medicines & Health Products (CCCMHPIE)

On 11 April 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Global Partners’ Luncheon of China Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Medicines & Health Products (CCCMHPIE). Mr. Zhou Hui, President of CCCMHPIE, made a keynote speech on the development of Chinese healthcare industry. International partners including UNAIDS and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation shared their experiences in cooperation with China on healthcare. Promotion activities of key national medical parks in Huanggang of Hubei Province and Taizhou of Jiangsu Province were also held. About 100 representatives including officials from the embassies of Indonesia, the Philippines and other ASEAN Member States in Beijing, as well as representatives of diplomatic missions of the Asian, European, American and
Oceanic countries in China, international partners and organizations attended the event.

1. Attended the East Asia Summit New Energy Forum

From 21 to 22 August 2019, the ACC representatives attended the East Asia Summit New Energy Forum held in Kunming, Yunnan Province. Mr. Dong Baotong, Director-General of Science & Technology Department of Yunnan Province, and Mr. Ruan Xiangping, First Counsel of Ministry of Science and Technology of China attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. More than 200 representatives from energy sectors, scientific research institutions and universities of ASEAN countries including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as Australia, India, Nepal, Pakistan and the United States, representatives of science and technology departments, academies and enterprises of local provinces in China, international organizations and the media attended the forum. Energy experts and scholars from China, Nepal, New Zealand, Thailand and the United States made keynote speeches on their latest researches and achievements and discussed topics on innovation-driving and sustainable development and new energy cooperation in depth.

j. Attended the 2019 Smart China Expo (SCE)

On 26 August 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the Opening Ceremony of 2019 Smart China Expo (SCE) and the Big Data & Smart Technology Summit in Chongqing. H.E. Mr. Liu He, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Chinese Vice-Premier, read out a congratulatory message from Chinese President Xi Jinping and delivered remarks. Mr. Tang Liangzhi, Deputy Secretary of the Municipal Party Committee and Mayor of Chongqing, presided over the opening ceremony. Mr. Chen Min’er, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of the Chongqing Municipal Party Committee, H.E. Mr. Lee Juyoung, Deputy Speaker of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, and H.E. Mr. Jorge Lacão, First Vice-speaker of Portugal, attended and delivered speeches. About 800 people attended the opening ceremony, including leaders of international organizations and diplomatic missions in China, leaders of Chinese ministries and provinces, experts and scholars, representatives of business associations, enterprises and the news media.

After the opening ceremony, Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Mme. Josephine Teo, Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs of Singapore, Mr. Graham Stuart,
Minister for Investment at the Department for International Trade of UK, Mr. Ma Yun, Co-Chairman of the United Nations High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation as well as CEOs of tech giants including Intel, SK, Tencent, Baidu, Lenovo and Xiaomi delivered keynote speeches at the Big Data Intelligence Summit. The speakers focused on the global division of labor and cooperation in the digital age and discussed the opportunities and challenges of the digital economy and the development driven by the new generation of artificial intelligence.

k. Attended the First China-ASEAN AI Summit and China-ASEAN Information Harbor Partners Signing Ceremony

On 9 September 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the First China-ASEAN AI Summit and
China-ASEAN Information Harbor Partners Signing Ceremony held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Officials from ASEAN countries’ consulates general in China and government departments in charge of industries, representatives from international organizations, CCPIT, the State Information Center, the competent departments of AI or big data of 11 provinces (regions and municipalities) in China, science and technology enterprises including Huawei, Inspur Group, iFlyte, Sugon, Alibaba Cloud, SenseTime, as well as experts and scholars joined the events. Participants analyzed the global market trend, future integration, application outlook and shared business cases in their respective fields.

1. Attended the World Ocean Week in Xiamen 2019

On 1 November 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the opening ceremony of the World Ocean Week 2019 and the Xiamen International Ocean Forum in Xiamen, Fujian Province. The event was co-hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources of China, Xiamen Municipal People’s Government and Xiamen University. With the theme of “Blue Partnership for Maritime Community with a Shared Future”, government officials, experts, scholars and entrepreneurs exchanged views and shared experiences in global ocean governance, blue economy and sustainable development. Exhibitions, culture and art exchange activities were held during the week.

m. Attended the China (Chongqing)-Singapore Demonstration on Strategic Connectivity Financial Summit 2019

On 4 November 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the China (Chongqing)-Singapore Demonstration on Strategic Connectivity Financial Summit 2019 in Chongqing. With the theme of “Financial Connectivity Supporting the ‘Belt and Road’ - Open and Innovative Finance Driving the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor”, the event was co-hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of China, People’s Bank of China, China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, China Securities Regulatory Commission, State Administration of Foreign Exchange of China, Chongqing Municipal People’s Government, the Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore and the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Mr. Tang Liangzhi, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Chongqing Municipal Committee and Mayor of the Chongqing, Mr. Ong Ye Kung, Minister of Education and Board Member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, Mr. Ravi Menon, Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, as well as executives of financial supervision authorities of China and ASEAN countries delivered speeches on financial cooperation between the
two sides. More than 1200 participants attended the event.

n. Attended the 2019 China (Chengdu) International Supply and Smart Logistics Expo

On 14 November 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended and address the opening ceremony of the 2019 China (Chengdu) International Supply and Smart Logistics Expo in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Mme. Huo Yuzhen, Special Representative of the Chinese Foreign Ministry for China-Central and Eastern European Countries
With the theme of “the BRI and Multimodal Transport”, the Expo focused on China Railway Express to Europe, smart logistics, trans-European and Asian transportation, international air cargo, cross-border e-commerce and international business, providing an international platform for offline communication and precise business matching.

o. Attended the 2nd China Healthcare Products Expo

On 27 November 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 2nd China Healthcare Products Expo held in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Expo was hosted by Ministry of Commerce of China (MOFCOM) and co-organized by Trade Development Bureau (TDB) of Ministry of Commerce of China, China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Medicines and Health Products (CCCMHPIE) and CCPIT Jiangsu Sub-Council. Mr. Wang Liping, Minister Counsellor of Embassy of China in Indonesia, Mr. Wu Zhengping, Director General of TDB of MOFCOM, Mr. Agum Gumelar, member of Presidential Advisory Council of Indonesia, as well as 200 participants including government officials of Indonesia and China, executives of business associations and enterprises as well as experts of medical and health care sectors from ASEAN countries and China attended the opening ceremony.

The expo covered an exhibition area of over 5000 square meters and attracted more than 130 Chinese enterprises and a number of Indonesian enterprises promoting traditional health care products and medical equipment.

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

a. Participated in the 2nd ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneur Forum

From 17 to 18 December 2018, under the theme of “Harnessing Technology and Innovation for Resilient SMEs
Development”, the 2nd ASEAN-China Youth Entrepreneur Forum was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Around 150 participants attended the Forum, including representatives from governments, small and medium-sized enterprises, think tanks, chambers of commerce of ASEAN countries and China as well as Mission of the People’s Republic of China to ASEAN. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended the Forum and had extensive and in-depth exchanges with the participants.

b. Attended the Dialogue on Jointly Building the Land-Sea Trade Corridor

On 8 January 2019, the Dialogue on Jointly Building the Land-Sea Trade Corridor was held in Chongqing. Mr. Tang Liangzhi, Vice Secretary of Municipal Party Committee and Mayor of Chongqing, and Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister
for Trade and Industry of Singapore, attended and delivered opening remarks. Ambassadors and diplomatic envoys from ASEAN Member States including Cambodia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam, High level officials of Chinese government departments, representatives from Chinese western provinces and cities, representatives of state-owned enterprises such as the China Rail Corporation, China COSCO Shipping Group and China Merchants Group attended the Dialogue. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the event and spoke at the Thematic Session. The participants held dialogues on jointly building the Belt and Road, economic transformation, financial cooperation as well as inclusive and sustainable development and discussed the direction of cooperation in the next phase.

c. Attended the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2019

From 26 to 28 March 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the BFA Annual Conference 2019. H.E. Li Keqiang, Premier of the State Council of China, delivered a keynote speech entitled Jointly Tackling Challenges for Common Development at the opening ceremony. BAN Ki-moon, Chairman of the BFA, Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith of Lao PDR, Prime Minister Lee Nak-yon of the Republic of Korea, Prime Minister Xavier Bettel of Luxembourg and Prime Minister Jorge Bom Jesus of Sao Tome and Principe as well as representatives of foreign business sectors attended and addressed the opening ceremony.

On 28 March 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Round-table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organizations during the BFA Annual Conference. Mr. Chen Xiaodong, Assistant Foreign Minister of China, attended and delivered a keynote speech. SG Chen Dehai, together with Mr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial, Secretary-General of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Mr. Lee Jong-heon, Secretary-General of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TSC), Mr. Bundit Limschoon, Secretary-General of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), Mr. Nurlan Akkoshkarov, Deputy Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), as well as other heads of international organizations and scholars on regional issues attended and made remarks. Participants actively made suggestions on topics including opportunities and challenges of Asian regional cooperation in the new situation and coordinated development among regional cooperation organizations. Representatives from institutions on regional and sub-regional issues such as the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) and the Mekong Institute (MI) participated in the discussions.

During their stay in Hainan, the ACC representatives also attended the Boao Asian Think Tank Forum and the conference on “Development of Hainan Pilot Free Trade Zone and Its Role in Regional Cooperation” and participated in field visit to the Hainan Resort Software Community.

d. Attended the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation

On 25 April 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Policy Coordination Sub-forum of the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing. More than 300 participants from about 50 countries and more than 20 international organizations attended the forum, which produced more than 60 achievements. A number of
countries and international organizations signed documents to jointly build Belt and Road, enhance production capacity cooperation and third-party market cooperation.

e. Attended the 43rd and 44th East Asia Business Council (EABC) Meetings

From 9 to 10 January 2019, the ACC representatives attended the 43rd East Asia Business Council (EABC) Meeting held in Chongqing. Mr. Chen Zhou, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, Mr. Peng Gang, Director General of Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Commerce of China, Mr. Lawrence Leow Chin Hin, rotating Chair in 2018 of the EABC, leaders of business circles from the ASEAN Member States and China, Korea, Japan, as well as representatives from Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS) and ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) attended the events. The meeting deliberated issues of rotating Vice Chairman, the annual working theme, activities and arrangements of 2019. At the Working Group Meeting on SMEs, the ACC representative briefed on ACC’s major activities in the areas of trade and investment in 2018, and the schedules of 2019, which was spoken highly of by the EABC members.

From 26 to 28 March 2019, the ACC representatives attended the 44th East Asia Business Council (EABC) Meeting held in Tokyo, Japan. About 50 representatives from the members of the Council attended the meeting. The meeting deliberated and adopted the summary of the 43rd Council Meeting, heard the latest progress of the working groups, and discussed the issues in submitting proposals to ASEAN Plus Three (10+3) Economic Senior Officials’ Meeting.

f. Attended the 7th China-Central Asia Cooperation Forum

On 18 October 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 7th China-Central Asia Cooperation Forum held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The forum was co-hosted by the Good-Neighbourliness, Friendship and Cooperation Committee (GNFCC) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and the People’s Government of the Guangxi.

H.E. Lu Xinshe, Secretary of the CPC Guangxi Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the People’s
Congress of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region delivered a welcome speech at the opening ceremony. H.E. Shen Yueyue, Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China and Chairperson of the GNFCC of SCO; H.E. Davlatali Said, First Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan; H.E. Zamirbek Askarov, Deputy Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan and Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of SCO attended and addressed the opening ceremony. More than 600 people attended the event, including officials of diplomatic mission of Central Asian, Trans-Caucasian and ASEAN countries in China, representatives of SCO and research institutions, as well as experts, scholars and entrepreneurs from China and foreign countries.

After the opening ceremony, four parallel forums themed with “Cross-border Logistics and E-commerce Cooperation in the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor”, “Cooperation in Smart Cities”, “Cooperation in Beidou System” and “Pool Women’s Strength to Jointly Build the Belt and Road” were held.

g. Attended the 8th ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Programme

From 5 to 7 May 2019, the ACC representative attended the 8th ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Programme in Yunnan Province. The programme was co-organized by the China Institute for South-South Cooperation in Agriculture (CISSCA) of the China Agriculture University (CAU). Over 80 participants from ASEAN Member States, Korea and China participated in the programme, including government officials, village leaders, scholars and representatives from international organizations. Consisting of opening ceremony, lectures, immersive study of best practice and country presentations, the programme provided a platform of knowledge and experience sharing among village leaders from
different countries in the region and fostered mutual understanding and friendship.

h. Attended the Expert Meeting on China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity in Chongqing (CCI)

From 20 to 23 May 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended and delivered remarks on the Expert Meeting on China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity in Chongqing. About 80 participants including former Chinese ambassadors to ASEAN countries, members of CCI Expert Committee and representatives of Chongqing Municipal People’s Government, enterprises and international organizations attended the meeting. The meeting elaborated on the operation and initial progress of CCI and the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor and discussed how to promote CCI and cooperation with third party in the new era.

The Memorandum of Cooperation Between Chongqing Connectivity Initiative Administrative Bureau and ASEAN-China Centre was signed on the meeting. Both sides agreed to work together to promote more participation of ASEAN countries and Chinese provinces in CCI and the building the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor.

i. Attended the China-Japan-Korea Belt and Road Business Conference

On 26 May 2019, the ACC representative attended the China-Japan-Korea Belt and Road Business Conference in Shaoxing, Zhejiang Province. The conference was co-hosted by the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in China, Korea Chamber of Commerce in China, China Chamber of International Commerce and the People’s Government of Shaoxing. Nearly 400 participants including H.E. Mr. Yukio Hatoyama, former Prime Minister of Japan, representatives of local governments, international organizations, business associations and entrepreneurs of China, Japan and ROK attended the conference and discussed on further strengthening exchanges and
cooperation among China, Japan, Korea and countries along the route of the Belt and Road. The “Shaoxing Initiative” was launched to promote more exchanges and cooperation among the three countries.

j. Attended the China-ASEAN Youth Entrepreneurs Belt and Road Economic and Trade Cooperation Activity in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

From 27 to 31 May 2019, the ACC representative attended the 4th China-ASEAN Youth Entrepreneurs “Belt and Road” (Ningxia) Economic and Trade Cooperation Activity co-hosted by the China Young Entrepreneurs Association (CYEA) and the People’s Government of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region in Yinchuan. More than 200 representatives of Chinese governments, international organizations and media, together with young entrepreneurs of AMS and China participated in the event. The participants attended promotion activities of Yinchuan and Shizuishan on commerce, investment, culture and tourism, and made field visits to Zhongguancun Innovation Center in Yinchuan, Yinchuan Economic and Technology Development Zone, Shizuishan Youyijia Logistics Park and other industrial parks. Through the above activities, the participants not only understood the current situation and policies of Ningxia, but also fully exchanged the concerns and needs of young entrepreneurs of ASEAN and China.

k. Attended the China (Beijing) Asia-Europe Logistics Cooperation Forum

On 29 May 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the China (Beijing) Asia-Europe Logistics Cooperation Forum during the 2019 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing. Representatives of logistics enterprises exchanged views on the current situation and trend of the logistics industry in China. Well-known logistics enterprises at home and abroad including the Kazakhstan Freight Transportation, Poland Gdansk Port, China International Railway Port Investment and Development, China Railway Beijing Group, Sinotrans Limited, JD Logistics, China National Medicines Corporation shared their experiences in building Asia-Europe trade and transport channel, advancing the high-quality development of multi-transportation, and boosting the upgrading of intelligent supply chain. About 100 participants from Chinese and foreign government agencies, logistics enterprises and financial institutions attended the forum.
I. Attended the 13th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction

From 25 to 26 June 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 13th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction co-hosted by the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development and the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in Nanning. More than 200 people including government officials, representatives of diplomatic missions, international organizations and enterprises, as well as experts, scholars and journalists from China and ASEAN countries attended the forum.

Focused on the theme of “ASEAN-China Poverty Reduction Cooperation Towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals”, the forum explored how to strengthen intra-regional cooperation and work together to address the challenges of poverty reduction and development. ASEAN representatives shared experience in poverty reduction in their respective countries and attended field trips to poverty alleviation projects in Nanning.

m. Attended the 10th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium

On 27 August 2019, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the 10th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium held in Bangkok, Thailand. The Symposium was hosted by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). With the theme of “Connecting ASEAN through Financing Sustainable Infrastructure”, the Symposium discussed three sub-topics, namely, “Building Sustainable Infrastructure for Quality Growth”, “Getting Private Sector on Board—What Would Make Infrastructure Attractive for Them” and “Funding Options for Infrastructure Development”. Focused on the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025, government officials, experts and scholars from ASEAN countries and representatives of regional cooperation organizations, financial institutions, enterprises as well as research institutions outside ASEAN made suggestions on the implementation of MPAC 2025 of ASEAN as a whole and of each country.
n. Attended the Round-Table Conference of Silk Road International Chambers of Commerce (Dunhuang)

On 31 August 2019, representative of ACC, attended the Round-Table Conference of Silk Road International Chambers of Commerce (Dunhuang) held in Dunhuang, Gansu Province.

Mr. Chen Jian’an, Vice Chairman of CCPIT, Mr. Zhang Shizhen, Vice Governor of People’s Government of Gansu Province, H.E. Lugris Rodriguez Juan Fernando, Ambassador of Uruguay to China, and H.E. Leela Mani Paudyal, Ambassador of Nepal to China, attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. More than 100 representatives of
embassies, chambers of commerce, trade and investment promotion organizations, media, culture and trade enterprises of China and other countries as well as international organizations attended the event. The participants had in-depth discussions on further strengthening the exchanges and cooperation among chambers of commerce in the fields of culture, economy and trade, as well as promoting economic development in the region.

o. Attended the 2019 Chinese Enterprise Global Image Summit

On 3 December 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the 2019 Chinese Enterprise Global Image Summit held in Beijing. The Summit was advised by the State Council Information Office, State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of China and All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, and hosted by China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration. At the opening ceremony, Secretary-General Chen Dehai presented the award to the top 20 overseas images of Chinese Enterprises. Mr. Guo Chuanwei, TID Director of ACC, attended the Regional Sub-Forum of Facilitating Chinese Enterprise to Go Global and shared his experience and suggestion with the participating entrepreneurs on how to establish positive overseas image. He also witnessed the release of the Pocket Book of Foreign Communication Guide for the Chinese Enterprises. 500 people including leaders of government agencies, executives of Chinese domestic well-known enterprises, experts and scholars in the area of external communication, as well as reporters attended the Summit.

【3. Outcomes】

These activities have significantly raised the awareness of ASEAN-China cooperation and promoted cooperation in trade and investment, covering a wide range of areas including connectivity, agriculture, production capacity, logistics, 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 innovation-driven development, environment protection and sustainable development. 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 trend of the ASEAN-China cooperation, but also explored future space for sustainable development. 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.
In view of the vigorous development of the sectors of education, culture and tourism in the region, there are greater needs to strengthen exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China. The ever-strengthening connection between ASEAN and China has promoted people-to-people exchanges, deepened mutual understanding and friendship and delivered tangible benefits to the peoples of both sides.

In 2019, ACC actively completed a series of innovative and fruitful activities in the areas of education, culture and tourism with the strong support of the government departments of ASEAN Member States and China, AMS Embassies in Beijing, relevant organizations and institutions. ACC launched flagship project “Higher Education Exchange and Cooperation” and make new endeavors to build long-term mechanism for mutual learning and collaborative engagement, while conducting wide-spectrum activities in collaboration with old and new partners under its 5 educational flagship projects, which has contributed to deepening friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in the field of education between ASEAN and China and winning high appreciation from both sides. ACC actively promoted cultural and people-to-people exchanges and developed new cooperative platforms so as to advance cultural exchanges and interaction between ASEAN and China for mutual benefits. With the ever increasing two-way tourist flow between ASEAN and China, ACC initiated and conducted activities to further develop ASEAN tourism, lift the quality of tourism destinations as well as promote the tourism resources in different provinces of 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.

**[2. Activities]**

**(1) Sponsored Chinese students to Attend Summer Programmes with ASEAN Students in Korea and Singapore**

From 8 to 17 July 2019, ACC sponsored two Chinese university students to participate in the 2019 ASEAN-Korea Youth Network Workshop in Seoul, Korea and Singapore under the theme of “What is a Sustainable Smart City? Molding the Young Pioneers of Smart and Innovative Urban Solutions.” The Workshop, hosted by the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), was participated by 80 students from ASEAN, Korea, China and Japan.

The activities of the workshop event include site visits, group assignments and cultural experience. Students from 10 ASEAN Member States, Korea, China and Japan had a chance to introduce various cultural aspects of their own country to other participants in forms of songs, dances, costumes and languages.

The two Chinese university students, Ms. Li Ying, a junior at Beijing Language Culture University and Ms. Zhu Ruoyan, a senior at Fudan University, stated that they have learned a lot via this meaningful programme and expressed
sincere appreciation to ACC.

(2) Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 ASEAN Plus Three Training Program on “Understanding China”

On 21 October 2019, the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 ASEAN Plus Three (China, Japan and the Republic of Korea) Training Program on Understanding China was held at Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU). The Program was hosted by the Ministry of Education of China and organized by BFSU.

Mr. Yan Guohua, Vice President of BFSU, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Pham Trung Nghia, Counsellor of the Embassy of Vietnam in China, Director Ms. Kong Roatlomang and Deputy Director Ms. Zhou Hui of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ASEAN-China Centre, Mr. Liu Jie, Vice President of the Foreign Language Teaching and Research Press (FLTRP), as well as representatives from the Ministry of Education of China, the Embassies of ASEAN countries in China and 20 program participants from ASEAN, Japan and Korea attended the opening ceremony.

Vice President Yan Guohua delivered opening address. Director Kong Roatlomang highly commended the Program that it provides all participants with a golden opportunity to get to know the history, people, diversified cultures, dynamic economy, fast-changing society and other fascinating aspects of China. She called on all participants to engage in-depth exchanges to fulfill the role of friendly envoys among ASEAN, China, Japan and Korea.

(3) Supported the 4th China-ASEAN Youth Summit and Attended the Closing Reception of the 11th China-ASEAN Youth Camp

On October 28, 2019, the Closing Reception of the 11th China-ASEAN Youth Camp and the 4th China-ASEAN Youth Summit was held in Beijing.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Ms. Zhang Jinfeng, former Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia, Mr. Hu Yixiong, Secretary of the Party Committee of School of International Relations, Peking University, and Mr. Zhai Kun, Vice Dean of Institute of Studies on Countries and Regions, Peking University, attended the Closing Reception.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that ASEAN-China relations have entered a new era. Both sides are working closely together towards integrated development based on the synergy of the Belt and Road Initiative and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025, promising bright prospects for the 2 billion people in the 11 countries. Chen said that Youth is the future of our countries and the hope of our nations, and the most dynamic and creative force in the society. He hoped that younger generation of both sides would be inheritors of the traditional friendship between ASEAN and China, promoters of ASEAN-China friendly cooperation and contributors of ASEAN-China relations with their entire wisdom, brilliance and dedication.
Themed on “Uniting Youths Inspiring Change–Paving the Way for a China-ASEAN Future”, this Youth Camp and Summit attracted the participation of 160 young students from ASEAN countries and China.

(4) Hosted the 4th ASEAN-China Youth Forum
On 22 November 2019, the 4th ASEAN-China Youth Forum was held in Hainan Tropical Ocean University (HTOU). With the theme of “New Era, New Youth and New Development”, the Forum was hosted by the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and organized by HTOU.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Wang Changren, Secretary of the CPC Committee of HTOU, Mr. Mongkol Visitstump, Minister of the Royal Thai Embassy in China, Mr. Tao Hongjian, Deputy Director-General of the Hainan Provincial Department of Education, Ms. Zhang Weilan, Deputy Secretary-General of the Sanya Municipal Government, and officials from Embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR and Malaysia in China attended the opening ceremony of the Forum, which saw the participation of more than 300 Chinese and ASEAN students studying in universities of China.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that ASEAN-China relations have entered a new era, embracing new opportunities and broad prospects. The ASEAN-China Youth Forum will not only enrich the youths’ understanding of ASEAN-China relations, but also provide a wonderful opportunity to forge friendship, deepen mutual trust, and jointly explore ways to build a better future. Young people are the hope of our nations and the most dynamic and creative force in the society. Chen hoped that young people will be good inheritors of the traditional friendship between ASEAN and China, and make positive contributions to the building of an even closer ASEAN-China Community with a shared future.

Secretary Wang Changren said that the ASEAN-China Youth Forum has set up a good platform for exchanges and cooperation between Chinese and ASEAN young talents, which will deepen mutual understanding, enhance mutual exchanges and promote common prosperity. Minister Mongkol Visitstump said that ASEAN and China have attached much importance to closer people-to-people contact and exchange, as this year ASEAN and China launched the ASEAN-China Young Leaders’ Scholarship Programme. This vision will benefit the development of ASEAN’s human resources
and further strengthen ties among people. Deputy Director-General Tao Hongjian said that friendly exchanges and mutual learning among young people are the important foundation for China and ASEAN to keep close contact and build friendship. Deputy Secretary-General Zhang Weilan hoped that the Forum will help strengthen youth exchanges and education cooperation between Hainan and ASEAN countries, and contribute to ASEAN-China people-to-people exchanges.

Following the opening ceremony, Ms. Zhu Beiwei, academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Mr. Xiong Sidong, President of Suzhou University, Mr. Fan Zuojun, Vice President of Guangxi University, and Mr. Ju Hailong, Professor of the School of International Relations of Jinan University delivered keynote reports respectively. ASEAN student representatives from Tianjin University, Shandong University and Ocean University of China shared their thoughts with the subjects of “Thai Life in China”, “Creation of Bright Society through Youth Exchanges and Collaboration”, and “Development Prospect of China-ASEAN Scientific and Technological Innovation Cooperation-Youths Build A New Bridge”.

In the afternoon sessions, the young participants had extensive and in-depth discussions on the three sub-forum topics, including “New Trends and New Development of ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges”, “Innovation & Regional Cooperation and Development” and “Tourism Promotion for Regional Cooperation and Development”. All agreed that strengthening youth friendly exchanges is in line with the development trend of the times and the development momentum of ASEAN-China relations. Both sides should seize opportunities, innovate ideas and forge ahead in jointly building the bridge of people-to-people exchanges and heart-to-heart connectivity.

【3. Outcomes】

Sponsoring Chinese students to attend the summer programme in Korea and Singapore and supporting the ASEAN plus Three Training Program on Understanding China were both among ACC’s efforts in boosting youth exchanges under the 10+3 framework. The two Chinese students mentioned that the programme enlarged their vision and enriched their knowledge on sustainable smart city. They also benefited to a large extent from the cross-cultural exchanges. The 2019 ASEAN plus Three Training Program on Understanding China not only deepened the participants’ understanding of China’s political systems, economy, diplomacy, education, culture, etc., but also enhanced their people-to-people exchanges with China. The 4th ASEAN-China Youth Forum has provided a sound platform for youths of ASEAN and China to exchange ideas, build mutual trust, forge friendship, and explore ways to build an even closer ASEAN-China Community with a shared future.
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. More and more ASEAN students choose China as their favourable destination to pursue learning and acquire knowledge. There has been an increasing need for strengthening exchanges and a growing interest in promoting their respective cultures among the ASEAN students in China. ACC worked closely with its partners to deliver activities tailored to the needs of ASEAN students in China.

【 2. Activities 】

Co-hosted the 2019 New Year’s Gala for ASEAN and Chinese University Students

From 21 to 22 December 2018, ACC co-hosted the 2019 New Year’s Gala for ASEAN and Chinese University Students with Chengdu Municipal People’s Government in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. The event was organized by the Office of Foreign and Oversees Chinese Affairs of Chengdu Municipal People’s Government and the College of ASEAN and Chinese Arts of Chengdu University. Around 1400 attendees including ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai, Mayor of Chengdu Mr. Luo Qiang, Ms. Liu Jin, Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of the Ministry of Education of China, Vice Mayor of Chengdu Ms. Liu Xiaoliu, Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk, Consul-General of Thailand to Chengdu and officials of ASEAN Embassies and Consulates-General in China, as well as Chinese and ASEAN university students.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that over the past 15 years since the establishment of ASEAN-China strategic partnership, political trust has deepened, practical cooperation has made steady progress and people-
to-people exchanges has become ever-more frequent. ASEAN-China relations have entered a new era with new opportunities, demonstrating tremendous vitality and bright prospects. He pointed out that youth can provide enduring impetus to the sustained development of ASEAN-China relations. He hoped that the happy gathering will help youth deepen mutual understanding, friendship and trust, and take an active part in ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation and stay committed to carrying forward friendship, promoting common development and building the ASEAN-China community with a shared future. At the opening ceremony, Secretary-General Chen and Mayor Luo jointly inaugurated the ASEAN-Chengdu Exchange Centre.

The student representatives of China and ASEAN countries presented wonderful performances with national cultural characteristics in a warm atmosphere, including dances “Belt and Road • Bond of the ASEAN-China Family”, “Blooming Flowers”, “Tribute to Mountains and Waters”, “Merry Tunes of the Qiang People”, “Chengdu”, “Essence of Chinese Martial Arts”, etc.

On 22 December, diplomatic envoys and university students from ASEAN and China visited the Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding and other cultural sites of Chengdu.

【3. Outcomes】

The activities were warmly welcomed by ASEAN students and highly appreciated by the Embassies and Consulates-General of ASEAN Member States in China. It facilitated communication and exchanges and fostered friendship between ASEAN and Chinese students as well as among ASEAN university students, while contributing to the promotion of ASEAN identity to the Chinese public.

Mutual Exchanges between ASEAN-China Vocational Education Institutions

【1. Background】

Both ASEAN countries and China are at a critical stage of economic development. There is a pressing need to produce more high-calibre technical personnel. Both sides attach great importance to vocational education and have the need to strengthen exchanges and cooperation. Promoting ASEAN-China TVET collaboration has become one of ACC’s highlight projects in recent years. In 2019, ACC strengthened field research in vocational education, while continued to organize or support more activities in this regard.

【2. Activities】

(1) Attended the “China-ASEAN 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programs-Leadership Training Workshop”

On 24 April 2019, the China-ASEAN 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programs-Leadership Training Workshop opened at Zhejiang Institute of Mechanical & Electrical Engineering in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. The Leadership Training Workshop brought together around 100 representatives from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and China, including all the 40 partner institutes for the first 20 selected China-ASEAN Successful Cooperative Programs.

Ms. Zhou Hui, ECTD Deputy Director briefed the participants on the development of ASEAN-China relations and the mandate of ACC as well as its role in promoting exchanges and deepening cooperation between ASEAN and
China. Zhou also shared the achievements of the ASEAN-China educational cooperation across the board and offered recommendations on advancing TVET collaboration in the region.

In the afternoon of 24 April, the attendees visited Zhejiang Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and Zhejiang Business College. They toured around hands-on training workshops and had exchanges with the faculty and students.

(2) Supported the Yunnan-South Asia & Southeast Asia Tourism Vocational Education and Personnel Training International Exchange and Cooperation Forum

With the theme of “Tourism Human Resource Management and Cross Border Tourism Development”, the Forum on Yunnan-South Asia & Southeast Asia Tourism Vocational Education and Personnel Training Exchange and Cooperation was held in Kunming, Yunnan on 11 June 2019. H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Ounethoung Khaphanh, Deputy Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism of Laos, Mr. Zheng Yi, Deputy Director-General of Yunnan Provincial Department of Education, Mr. Fu Runmin, President of Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, and Mr. Zhang Jinglong, President of Yunnan College of Tourism Vocation, attended this event. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC attended the Forum and delivered remarks.

As one of the sub-forums of the 2nd Yunnan-South Asia & Southeast Asia Education Exchange and Cooperation Forum, the Forum was hosted by the Yunnan Provincial People’s Government, organized by the Yunnan Provincial Department of Education, co-organized by Yunnan College of Tourism Vocation and supported by ACC. More than 150 representatives of government departments, international organizations, tourism industrial organizations, enterprises and education institutions from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, Sri Lanka and the United States gathered to discuss the development momentum of the regional tourism industry and the future of tourism vocational education. They exchanged views on education in tourism and hotel management, cross-border tourism development, international cooperation in tourism education and other topics of common interest.

ACC representatives also attended the Opening Ceremony and Keynote Session of the 2nd Yunnan-South Asia &
Southeast Asia Education Exchange and Cooperation Forum, and had extensive exchanges with attendees from South Asia, Southeast Asia and China.

3) Visited Guangzhou Panyu Polytechnic

On 26 June 2019, ACC representatives visited Guangzhou Panyu Polytechnic (GPP) and met with Mr. He Youyi, President of Guangzhou Panyu Polytechnic and Ms. Song Meimei, Director of the Office of International Exchanges and Cooperation.

President He Youyi gave an overall introduction of GPP, especially the institute’s contribution to the local economic and social development through the cultivation of technical and skilled professionals, the educational reform measures adapted to the adjustment of regional economic structure and industrial transformation, the exchanges and cooperation between GPP and ASEAN countries, and the achievements made in international cooperation.

According to He, GPP has carried out extensive international cooperation programs. Especially GPP has established 3 pilot collaborative programmes with ASEAN countries, namely the two-way Overseas Research and Internship Base programme with Singapore, the joint education programme on the subject of jewel authentication with Thailand and the GPP Financial Training Centre in Lao PDR.

Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC, highly commended GPP on its achievements since its inception, especially on its in-depth collaborative programmes with ASEAN countries. She expressed ACC’s willingness to increase information exchange with GPP and identify areas of collaboration in the future. After the meeting, ACC representatives also visited the campus and had more in-depth exchanges with GPP staff.

4) Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programs

On 22 July, the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programmes
was held at the 12th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week. This event was co-hosted by China Education Association of International Exchange (CEAIE), ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and Jiangxi Provincial Department of Education, and organized by Guizhou Vocational and Technical College of Water Resources and Hydropower.

Mr. Zhao Lingshan, Vice President and Secretary-General of CEAIE, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai and Mr. Zhu Xinwu, Party Secretary of the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education delivered opening remarks. Ms. Zhou Wei, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Vocational and Adult Education, Mr. Pei Hongwei, Deputy Director-General of the Jiangxi Provincial Department of Education, Mr. Huang Kan, Deputy Director-General of the Beijing Municipal Education Commission and Ms. Mustapha Norhana, Deputy Director of the Technical and Vocational Education Division, Ministry of Education of Malaysia delivered keynote speeches.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai pointed out in his remarks that ASEAN countries and China are at a critical stage of economic development, where there is a pressing need for both sides to produce more high-calibre technical personnel. At the beginning of this year, the Chinese government issued the National Implementation Plan for Vocational Education Reform, which incorporates new arrangements for the development of vocational education, heralding a new period of policy dividends and development opportunities for vocational education. Chen stressed that all parties should fully leverage the platform of the ASEAN-China Vocational Education Forum by giving full play to the leading role of the successful cooperation programs, so as to improve the vocational education system, promote school-industry integration and facilitate standardization, so that a new height will be reached for cooperation in vocational education.

At the Forum, Secretary-General Chen Dehai conferred awards to the partner institutes of the second batch of 20 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Successful Cooperative Programs in TVET. Secretary-General Chen also inaugurated the China-Cambodia Vocational Education Consortium and attended the Launching Ceremony of the Exhibition on the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Successful Cooperative Programs.

The 20 pairs of TVET institutes were invited to share their experiences in cross-border education, training models, industry-education collaboration, as well as faculty and student exchanges. Participants from ASEAN countries and China had good discussions on how to further promote institutional cooperation in such areas as faculty and student mobility, capacity building and jointly-run programmes.
(5) Co-hosted the 3rd Partnership Workshop of SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme

On 25 July, the 3rd Partnership Workshop of SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme, which was co-hosted by the Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education, and organized by the Guizhou Polytechnic of Construction. Over 100 representatives of 31 TVET institutes and universities from ASEAN countries and 23 from China were present at the event.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Liu Baoli, Executive Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the CAECW Organizing Committee, ECTD Deputy Director Zhou Hui of ACC, Mr. He Xiuqian, Deputy Director-General of the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education and Mr. Lu Yuan’an, Chairman of the College Administration of Guizhou Polytechnic of Construction addressed the meeting.

During the workshop, ASEAN and Chinese TVET institutes shared information, made in-depth exchanges, and discussed cooperation in fields of common interest. A total of 146 MoUs for cooperation were signed. All parties expressed commitment to promoting long-term cooperation through complementarity and mutual learning so as to realize common development.

(6) Supported the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Summit Forum

On 19 September 2019, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre attended the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Summit Forum and delivered remarks in Nanning, Guangxi.

The Forum was co-hosted by the Ministry of Education of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Mr. Chen Ziji, Director-General of the Department of Vocational and Adult Education, Ministry
and expand employment, and to promote high-quality economic development. ASEAN countries and China are at a critical stage of economic development, and there is a pressing need for both sides to produce more high-calibre technical personnel. Promoting TVET exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China is one of ACC’s flagship projects. ACC has been devoted to fostering a long-term mechanism for ASEAN-China TVET exchanges and collaboration to encourage in-depth practical cooperation for many years. There is broad prospect for ASEAN-China cooperation. All relevant parties should fully leverage the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Exhibition and Forum as an important platform to enrich dialogue mechanisms, improve vocational education system, promote school-industry integration and facilitate standard harmonization, so that a new height will be reached for TVET collaboration.

During the forum, more than 1000 representatives from government departments, international organizations, TVET institutes and enterprises of ASEAN countries and China gathered to engage in discussions and exchanges on the theme of “Building a Vocational Education Community through Exchanges, Mutual Learning and Win-Win Cooperation”.

3. Outcomes

ACC has been working down-to-earth as a bridge and facilitator to promote TVET collaboration for both sides. The activities co-hosted or supported by ACC served as useful platforms to update each other with policy development, share good practices and explore potential for practical cooperation in TVET between ASEAN and China. More and more institutes resort to ACC as a reliable and effective link to identify potential partners and establish TVET collaboration between ASEAN and China.

The field research tour to TVET institutes, a new priority on ACC’s work agenda in TVET for this year, enabled ACC to acquire a clear understanding on the international collaboration initiatives of Chinese TVET institutes, including their successful cooperation models and new demands to strengthen collaboration with ASEAN countries. All this will help design and deliver more practical programmes to enhance 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.

I. 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 contributed to the activities of CAECW in 2013, and the two sides became co-organizers of CAECW. Since 2013, ACC, SEAMEO Secretariat and GPDE have held tripartite meetings annually to discuss on the design of activities for each year’s CAECW. The trilateral meeting has become an important consultation mechanism for the preparation of CAECW. With the theme of “Deepening Practical Cooperation and Sharing Development Achievements”, the 12th CAECW was convened from 22 to 26 July 2019 in Guiyang.

【2. Activities】

(1) Attended the 7th ACC-SEAMEO-GPDE Tripartite Meeting

On 31 May 2019, the 7th ACC-SEAMEO-GPDE Tripartite Meeting was held in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), Dr. Ethel, Director of the Southeast Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), Mr. Zou Lianke, Director-General of Guizhou Provincial Department of Education (GPDE), Mr. Liu Baoli, Executive Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee of China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW), and Ms. Wang Hui, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organizing Committee of CAECW, attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the three parties reviewed the 11th CAECW, shared the proposed activities to be held during the 12th CAECW, and explored ways on how to integrate the resources of the three parties towards building a long-term cooperation mechanism.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai expressed his gratitude to GPDE and SEAMEO for their long-term support and cooperation, and commended the outcomes of the 7th tripartite meeting. He hoped that all parties would keep close communication and jointly work to implement the consensus reached at the meeting, and achieve more practical outcomes in ASEAN-China education cooperation, so as to make greater contributions to the building of an even closer ASEAN-China community with a shared future.

After the meeting, Secretary-General Chen had a field trip to Guizhou Light Industry Technical College and Guizhou University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, where he visited relevant schools, research centres and training bases, exchanged views with faculty staff and students, and learned about the overall situation on discipline development and talent cultivation, etc.
a. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 12th CAECW

On 22 July 2019, the 12th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week (CAECW), with the theme of “Enhancing Pragmatic Cooperation and Sharing Development Achievements”, kicked off in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended the Opening Ceremony and relevant activities.

Ms. Shen Yiqin, Governor of Guizhou delivered welcome remarks. Mr. Tian Xuejun, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Education of China, Ms. Nitivadee Manitkul, Representative of the Rotating Chairmanship Country of ASEAN in 2019 and Consul-General of the Royal Thai Consulate General in Kunming, Mr. Touch Visalsok, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia, Dr. Pout Simmalavong, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education and Sports of Lao PDR, Ms. Low Yen Ling, Senior Parliamentary Secretary of Ministry of Education & Ministry of Manpower of Singapore and Dr. Aung Kyaw Htay, Minister for Development Affairs and Social Affairs, Kayah State Government of Myanmar attended the Opening Ceremony and delivered remarks. During the Opening Ceremony, Secretary-General Chen Dehai launched the “Chinese Bridge” ASEAN Youth Summer Camp in China together with other distinguished guests from ASEAN and China.

b. Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programmes in collaboration with China Education Association of International Exchange (CEAIE) and Jiangxi Provincial Department of Education on 22 July. Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the forum and delivered opening remarks. The 20 pairs of China-ASEAN Vocational Education Successful Cooperative Programs shared their experiences in cross-border education, training models, industry-education collaboration, as well as faculty and student exchanges. Participants from ASEAN countries and China had good discussions on how to further promote institutional cooperation in such areas as faculty and student mobility, capacity building and jointly-run programmes.

c. Supported the China-ASEAN University Artificial Intelligence Education Seminar on 23 July, which was co-hosted by Tianjin University and Mahidol University of Thailand. Secretary-General Chen Dehai addressed the Seminar at the opening session. At the Seminar, experts and scholars from ASEAN and China had discussions on the application
of artificial intelligence themed on “Smart City” and “Smart Healthcare”. A working meeting of the ASEAN-China Network for Cooperation and Exchanges among Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-EngTech) was also convened during the Seminar.

d. Co-hosted the 3rd Partnership Workshop for SEAMEO-China TVET Cultural Twinning Programme in collaboration with the Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education on 25 July. Over 100 representatives of 31 TVET institutes and universities from ASEAN countries and 23 from China were present at the event. ECTD Deputy Director Zhou Hui of ACC addressed the opening session. During the workshop, ASEAN and Chinese TVET institutes shared information, made in-depth exchanges, and discussed cooperation in fields of common interest. A total of 146 MoUs for cooperation were signed.

e. Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Medical Education Symposium & Roundtable Discussion on Establishing China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medical Education, Research and Healthcare in collaboration with Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC) and Guizhou Medical University on 26 July. More than 100 representatives of 13 Chinese universities and 7 universities from ASEAN countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam attended this event.

Deputy Director Zhou Hui attended the event and read out the Letter of Congratulation by ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai. Experts from universities of both sides delivered keynote speeches themed around medical education and regional cooperation, in which they shared good practices of international collaborative engagement in the field of medical education and healthcare. During the event, a roundtable session was also convened, which focused on the organization framework and operation mechanism of the proposed China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medical Education, Research and Healthcare.

【3. Outcomes】

ACC’s participation in the 12th CAECW has ensured the success of each activity co-hosted or supported by ACC, and brought substantial outcomes in promoting practical cooperation in education between ASEAN and China. By collaborating on the CAECW for consecutive years, the partnership between ACC, SEAMEO and GPDE has been further
strenthened, and the long-established collaboration mechanism has been conducive to strengthening mutual learning and deepening ASEAN-China education collaboration at different levels. CAECW Participants from both sides have expressed high appreciation for ACC’s 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 ASEAN and China in education. ACC has attended the annual meetings of SEAMEO since 2012 and collaborated with SEAMEO regional centres on various projects.

【2. Activities】

(1) Attended the 41st Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) High Officials Meeting (HOM)

On 28-29 November 2018, the 41st Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) High Officials Meeting (HOM) was successfully held in Bangkok, Thailand. The event was attended by around 150 people, including high officials of education from SEAMEO Member States, representatives from SEAMEO Affiliate Members and Associate Members as well as observers from partner organizations of SEAMEO.

Dr. Sophon Napathorn, Vice Minister of Education of Thailand, and Dr. Gatot Hari Priowirjanto, Secretary-General of the SEAMEO Secretariat, delivered welcome and opening remarks respectively. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) attended the meeting and briefed on ACC’s Work Programme 2019 in education and future collaboration with SEAMEO. She also had in-depth exchanges with representatives from SEAMEO Affiliate Centres and relevant international organizations on strengthening cooperation in higher and vocational education.

(2) Attended the SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting 2019 (CDM)

The SEAMEO CDM 2019 was held from 6 to 8 August in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting was organized by SEAMEO Secretariat and participated by the Directors and senior officers of SEAMEO units as well as SEAMEO’s partners. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC attended the CDM.

Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat, welcomed all the participants and chaired the meeting. The SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (CDM) 2019 consisted of six main sections, namely Opening Formalities, Matters for Information, SEAMEO Units’ Accomplishment, Special Session for the SEAMEO Centre/Network, Networking Session, and Updates on SEAMEO Strategic Plan 2011-2020. The SEAMEO Centre Directors were invited into panel sessions moderated by SEAMEO Secretariat to present their working papers. During the meeting, Deputy Director Zhou Hui gave a presentation on ACC’s work in education and its efforts and progress in promoting ASEAN-China educational cooperation, in particular the collaborative programmes and activities with SEAMEO Regional Centers/Network and the upcoming activities under ACC’s flagship projects till the end of 2019. She also put forward new proposals for ACC-SEAMEO collaborative initiatives. During the meeting, Zhou also conducted one-on-one discussions with several SEAMEO Centers to explore future collaboration.

(3) Attended the 5th High Officials Meeting (HOM) on SEA-TVET 2019

The 5th High Officials Meeting (HOM) on SEA-TVET was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam from
9 to 10 September, 2019. It was co-hosted by the Ministry of Education of Brunei and the SEAMEO Secretariat.

Dr. Ethel Agnes P Valenzuela, Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat, and Mr. YB Dato Seri Setia Haji Hamzah, Minister of Education of Brunei Darussalam, delivered remarks respectively. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of the ASEAN-China Centre attended the meeting and delivered a speech entitled “Towards a Community of Shared Future: ASEAN-China TVET Collaboration”. During the meeting, Deputy Director Zhou Hui exchanged views with participants from ASEAN, China and other related organizations on further strengthening TVET collaboration and exchanges.

Around 200 representatives from 11 Southeast Asian countries, international organizations, TVET institutions and research institutes attended the meeting and shared views on the theme of “Strengthening Efforts Towards TVET 4.0”.

(4) **Attended the 42nd Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) High Officials Meeting (HOM)**

On 26-28 November 2019, the 42nd Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) High Officials Meeting (HOM) was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The event was attended by around 120 people, including high officials of education from SEAMEO Member States, representatives from SEAMEO Affiliate Members and Associate Members as well as observers from partner organizations of SEAMEO.

Mr. Nataphol Theepsuwan, Minister of Education of Thailand, and Dr. Ethel Agnes P Valenzuela, Director of the SEAMEO Secretariat, Secretary-General of the SEAMEO Secretariat, delivered welcome and opening remarks respectively. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Tourism of the ASEAN-China Centre, attended the meeting and briefly introduced the latest development of ASEAN-China education collaboration. She also had in-depth exchanges with representatives from SEAMEO Affiliate Centres, relevant international organizations, the Representative Office of Confucius Institute Headquarters in Thailand, etc.

### 3. Outcomes

Through the above activities, the partnership between ACC and SEAMEO has been further strengthened, and the long-established cooperation mechanism and programmes have been running smoothly. The active exchanges between
both sides raised mutual understanding on the new momentum in education development in both ASEAN and China and the priorities of the two sides respectively, which will be conducive to designing and facilitating more tailor-made collaborative programmes in the field of education in the future.

Higher Education Exchange and Cooperation

【1. Background】

Higher education serves as a leading factor in talent cultivation and the driving force for a country’s economic and social development. Exchanges and cooperation in the field of higher education is in line with the trend of economic globalization. To strengthen mutual learning and practical cooperation between ASEAN and Chinese higher education institutions is not only a necessary step to pursue long-term development for both sides, but also an effective way to enhance people-to-people connectivity.

【2. Activities】

(1) Supported the 2nd Forum for ASEAN-China Private Higher Education Development and Cooperation

From 11 to 13 December 2018, the ASEAN-China Forum for Private Higher Education Development and Cooperation was held in Sanya, Hainan province. The Forum was hosted by the University of Sanya (USY) and Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED), and supported by the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC).

The forum was attended by over 100 participants including Mr. Dai Yuming, Vice Mayor of Sanya, Mr. Yu Hongjun, Former Vice Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, Dr. Chantavit Sujatanond, Centre Director of SEAMEO RIHED, Mr. Ji Ping, Vice Chairman of the Chinese Association for Non-Government Education, Ms. Wang Hui, Deputy Secretary-General of the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee of ASEAN-China Education Exchange Week, Mr. Lu Dan, President of USY and representatives from ASEAN countries.

At the opening ceremony, Ms. Zhou Hui read out congratulatory remarks by ACC Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, expecting that the forum will play a greater role in promoting more comprehensive and practical cooperation in private higher education between ASEAN and China, and have a broader and far-reaching impact to expanding and
deepening ASEAN-China private higher education cooperation and exchanges.

At the inaugural session, Ms. Zhou Hui together with Mr. Dai Yuming, Dr. Chantavit Sujatonond, Ms. Ji Ping and Professor Lu Dan inaugurated the ASEAN-China Alliance of Private Higher Education Institutions (ACAPHEI). In the keynote session, the participants shared cases of development of private higher education and had in-depth discussions and exchanged views.

(2) Co-hosted the Lancang-Mekong Regional Dialogue--Education Cooperation Forum

With the theme of “Nourished by One River, Win-win Achievements in New Era”, the Lancang-Mekong Regional Dialogue--Education Cooperation Forum kicked off in Yibin, Sichuan Province on 22 March 2019. As one of the important sub-activities of the 2019 Lancang-Mekong Regional Cooperation Week, the “Lancang-Mekong Regional Dialogue--Education Cooperation Forum” was co-hosted by the Yibin Municipal People’s Government, ACC, the Department of Education of Sichuan Province, the Foreign Affairs Office of Sichuan Province, the CYLC Sichuan Provincial Committee and China Centre for International People-to-People Exchange of the Ministry of Education.

More than 500 people including Mr. Korn Dabbaransi, Chairman of the Thai-Chinese Friendship Association and Former Vice Prime Minister of Thailand, Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Lao PDR, Mr. Li Zhigong, Counsellor of the Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Du Kewei, Director-General of China Centre for International People-to-People Exchange, Ministry of Education of China, Mr. Li Chunsheng, Deputy Secretary-General of China Education Association of International Exchange, Ms. Peng Yi, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Education of Sichuan Province, Mr. Lu Zhenhua, Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the Yibin Municipal People’s Congress, diplomatic representatives of Mekong River Countries to China and representatives of education institutions from the 6 countries along the Lancang-Mekong River attended the forum.
Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the forum and delivered remarks. Secretary-General Chen stated that education holds the key to the prosperity of nations, the well-being of people and the future of countries. With concerted efforts and greater synergy between China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the development plans of the countries along the route, education cooperation between the Mekong River Countries and China has been deepened, which has become a highlight in ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and cooperation. He said that ACC is willing to work with all relevant parties to continuously explore new paths for educational exchanges, so as to elevate educational cooperation to a new level and produce more fruitful results, thus making new contributions to the building of a community of Lancang-Mekong River countries and ASEAN-China community with a shared future.

While attending the forum, Secretary-General Chen Dehai and Vice Mayor of Yibin City Chen Yangjie signed a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between ACC and the Yibin Municipal People’s Government. The two sides will jointly promote exchanges between Yibin and ASEAN countries in the fields of trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media, and make positive contributions to ASEAN-China practical cooperation. During the forum, the education authorities and representatives of the 6 countries along the Lancang-Mekong River had discussions and exchanged views on the development and cooperation in the fields of higher education, vocational education and secondary education.

Secretary-General Chen also visited the University Town and Sci-Tech Innovation Town of Yibin, which enabled the ACC team to obtain a better understanding of Yibin’s strategy and initiatives to invigorate education and science. The ACC team also visited the Demonstration Hall of the Yibin Port Economic and Hi-tech Development Zone and learned more about Yibin’s overall planning in science and technology, upgrading industries and improving the well-being of the people.

(3) Supported the 2nd “Belt and Road” Forum for Education Cooperation with ASEAN Countries

On April 26, 2019, the second “Belt and Road” Forum for Education Cooperation with ASEAN countries was held in Haikou. Nearly 150 university representatives and relevant institutions from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and other ASEAN countries and China attended the forum. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre, Mr. Tao Hongjian, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Education of Hainan Province, Mr. Qi Yahui, Vice Chairman of the Federation of Social Sciences of Hainan Province and Mr. Chen Xiao, President of Haikou College of Economics attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said in his address that the ASEAN countries are in the sea-land alternate area of the Belt and Road, which is a priority direction and important partner for China to promote the construction of the Belt and Road Initiative. With the continuous promotion of the Belt and Road Initiative, the pragmatic cooperation between China and ASEAN countries has been improving. The forum has set up an effective platform for educational exchange and cooperation between China and ASEAN universities, which meets the needs of both sides to further expand the form and connotation of cooperation. It is hoped that participating
universities can have in-depth exchanges and discussions, share successful experiences, gather cooperation consensus, and contribute wisdom and strength to the common development of higher education of both sides.

At the forum, experts and scholars had a heated discussion on how to establish a new mode of international cooperation in higher education, the current situation and enlightenment of exchanges between universities in China and Southeast Asian countries.

(4) Attended the 10th Annual Conference on Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools

On 25 June 2019, the 10th Annual Conference on Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools (CFCRS) kicked off in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. Supported by the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges, Ministry of Education of China, the 10th Annual Conference on CFCRS was co-hosted by the Centre of Research on CFCRS of Xiamen University, Guangzhou Provincial Department of Education and the Research Branch for CFCRS under the China Association of Higher Education (CAHE), and organized by Jinan University.

Themed on “CFCRS in the New Backdrop of Accelerated and Widened Opening-up in Education”, the 10th Annual Conference on CFCRS attracted the participation of more than 800 attendees from 27 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities directly under the Central Government in China, including over 180 presidents of universities and TVET institutes, more than 500 representatives of the offices of international exchanges and cooperation, the offices of academic affairs and CFCRS institutions and programs from HEIs, as well as directors and officers from over 10 local departments of education at the provincial level.

Mr. Guan Peijun, Vice President of the Chinese Association of Higher Education and Former Member of the National Ethnic Affairs Commission of China, Mr. Yang Bin, Vice President of Xiamen University, Mr. Zhu Chaohua, Deputy Director-General of the Guangdong Provincial Department of Education, Mr. Lin Rupeng, Secretary of the CPC Jinan University Committee, Mr. Zhu Huashan, Deputy Director-General of the Yunnan Provincial Department of Education, Ms. Xia Juan, Deputy Director-General of the China Centre for International People-to-People Exchange attended the Opening Ceremony and delivered remarks.

The keynotes followed covered a wide range of topics, including exploration of effective management mechanisms in CFCRS, innovative approaches of talent cultivation in CFCRS, and pursuing overall international-orientated strategy through CFCRS, which were warmly welcomed by all attendees.

Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC attended the Opening Ceremony, the Keynote Sessions and the Sub-Forum Session from 25 to 26 July. Zhou also had exchanges with the leaders from universities, senior managers of CFCRS, provincial departments of education, as well as the representatives from the Ministry of Education, Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange and China Centre for People-to-People Exchanges. Ms. Zhou briefed on ACC’s mandate and its education programs, and expressed willingness to pay more attention to the research work on CFCRS and play a bigger role in increasing local governments’ and HEI’s exchanges with ASEAN countries.

(5) Supported the China-ASEAN University Artificial Intelligence Education Seminar

On 23 July, the China-ASEAN University Artificial Intelligence Education Seminar was held at the 12th China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. The Seminar was co-hosted by Tianjin University and Mahidol University of Thailand. ACC was a supporter to this event.

Mr. Touch Visalsok, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia, Dr. Aung Kyaw Htay, Minister for Development Affairs and Social Affairs, Kayah State Government of Myanmar, as well as representatives from the Embassies of Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam attended the Symposium.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Mr. He Xiujian, Deputy Director-General of the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education, Ms. Xijuan, Deputy Director-General of China Centre for International People-to-People Exchange of the Ministry of Education of China and Ms. Linghu Caitao, Deputy Party Secretary of Guizhou University attended the Seminar and delivered opening remarks. Mr. Hu Wenping, Vice President of Tianjin University chaired the Symposium and delivered welcome address.
Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that Artificial intelligence (AI) is profoundly changing the way of production, living and learning. It helps usher in an intelligence era featuring human-machine collaboration, cross-sector integration and co-creation and sharing. ASEAN countries and China place great emphasis on the development of AI. He hoped that all the participants will actively share experience, discuss the profound influence of AI on education, and promote the in-depth integration of AI and education, so as to facilitate reform and innovation in education, build consensus and deepen cooperation.

At the Seminar, experts and scholars from ASEAN and China had discussions on the application of artificial intelligence themed on “Smart City” and “Smart Healthcare”. A working meeting of the ASEAN-China Network for Cooperation and Exchanges among Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-EngTech) was also convened during the Seminar.

(6) Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Medical Education Symposium & Roundtable Discussion on Establishing China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medical Education, Research and Healthcare

On 26 July 2019, the China-ASEAN Medical Education Symposium & Roundtable Discussion on Establishing the China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medical Education, Research and Healthcare was held at the 12th CAECW in Guiyang, Guizhou Province. This event was co-hosted by Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC), the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and Guizhou Medical University. More than 100 representatives of 13 Chinese universities and 7 universities from ASEAN countries including Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam attended this event. Deputy Director Zhou Hui attended the event.

Prof. Zhan Qimin, Standing Vice President of Peking University, President of Peking University Health Science Center and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Prof. Lin Changhu, Chair of the University Council of Guizhou Medical University, Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, President of Mahidol University, Thailand and Mr. Zou Lianke, Director-General of the Guizhou Provincial Department of Education attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.

ECTD Deputy Director Zhou Hui read out the Letter of Congratulation by ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai. Secretary-General Chen stated in the Letter that as the complementarity between China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the development strategies of ASEAN countries has been enhanced in recent years, the bilateral exchanges and mutual learning in medical education have become more and more frequent, promising broad prospects for practical cooperation. In this context, it is of great significance to promote integrated development of the medical and healthcare cause in the region by bringing together experts and scholars in medical education and research from both sides, sharing effective
initiatives in personnel cultivation, academic discipline building, scientific and technological innovation and social services, and exploring long-term mechanism for exchanges and cooperation in medical education.

Famous professors from China and ASEAN Member States delivered keynote speeches themed around medical education and regional cooperation, in which they shared good practices of international collaborative engagement in the field of medical education and healthcare.

A roundtable session was also convened, which focused on the organization framework and operation mechanism of the proposed China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medical Education, Research and Healthcare. University representatives of both sides reached consensus on establishing the China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medical Education, Research and Healthcare. It was agreed that the Consortium would be officially launched in Beijing in autumn 2019.

(7) Attended the Inauguration Ceremony of the School of Asian Studies and School of African Studies of Beijing Foreign Studies University

The Inauguration Ceremony of the School of Asian Studies and School of African Studies of the Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU) was held on 23 September 2019, which saw the attendance of around 400 people. Several other activities, including academic forums on the development of Asian and African language study and regional studies, were also held on the day.

Professor Wang Dinghua, Chairman of the University Council of BFSU, Mr. Aziz Mekouar, Ambassador of Morocco to China, Mr. Leela Mani Paudyal, Ambassador of Nepal to China, Mr. Dai Bing, Director-General of the Department of African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Wu Yan, Director-General of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education of China and Professor Zhang Baojun, Vice President of Beijing Language and Culture University were present at the Opening Ceremony. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended and addressed the ceremony.
Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that the newly established schools will be able to focus on their respective regions and countries, redouble their efforts in personnel cultivation, disciplinary building and country/region-based studies. It will be beneficial to cultivate more foreign-language talents with a global outlook, carry out proactive and targeted policy research and produce more high-quality research outcomes.

(8) Co-hosted the Launching Ceremony of the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health

On 14 October 2019, the Launching Ceremony of the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health, co-hosted by the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and the Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC), was held in Peking University. The Beijing Statement of the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health was released during the meeting.

Mr. Fang Jun, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of the Ministry of Education of China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Prof. Zhan Qimin, Executive Vice President of Peking University and President of PKUHSC, attended the meeting and delivered remarks. Presidents and Deans of 24 universities and colleges from 9 ASEAN countries and 21 counterparts from China attended the meeting.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his remarks that the establishment of the ASEAN-China University Consortium on medicine and health is another important endeavour to deepen ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in education. He believed that the Consortium members will make best use of the platform to jointly enhance the capacity of talent cultivation, strengthen collaborative research and innovation, and promote integrated development of education, medical service, research and industry, so as to make positive contributions to the building of an ASEAN-China Health Community with a shared future and bring tangible benefits to the people of the region.

Deputy Director-General Fang Jun hoped that the Consortium could make its contributions to people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN and China, deepen communication and exchanges, strengthen mutual learning and achieve common progress in the field of medical education, research and healthcare services, thus improving the health of people in the region and contribute to the development of education and health undertakings in the region and beyond. Prof. Zhan Qimin proposed that the Consortium members uphold the Silk road Spirit of “peace and cooperation, openness and
inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit”, adhere to the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, follow the theme of comprehensively improving the health and well-being of the people of ASEAN and China, strive to promote cooperation and exchanges in the fields of medical education, research and healthcare, create a multilateral and bilateral cooperation mechanism and new cooperation models, and jointly build the road to regional health, thus making regional contributions to the global health undertaking.

During the launching ceremony, Deputy Director-General Fang Jun, Secretary-General Chen Dehai, PKU Vice President Zhan Qimin and President Banchong Mahaisavariya of Mahidol University of Thailand jointly unveiled the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health.

Prof. Ari Fahrial Syam, Dean of Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia and President of the ASEAN Medical School Network, Prof. Zhang Qin, Vice President of Peking Union Medical College, Prof. Banchong Mahaisavariya, President of Mahidol University, Prof. Wu Fan, Vice President of Shanghai Medical College of Fudan University, Prof. Kiat Ruxrungtham, Vice President of Chulalongkorn University, Prof. Chen Lizhang, Vice President of Central South University, Prof. Lau Tang Ching, Vice Dean of NUS Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, and Prof. Zhang Lin, Vice President of Sichuan University delivered remarks respectively and shared their experience on international cooperation in the field of medicine and health, and expressed their anticipation on the future development of the Consortium.

During the roundtable discussion in the afternoon, Council members of the Consortium discussed and adopted the charter of the Consortium, and had warm discussions on the short-term and long-term action plans of the Consortium.

【3. Outcomes】

Higher Education Exchanges and Cooperation is a newly established flagship project in 2019, which proves to be effective and efficient in enhancing mutual learning and cooperation between ASEAN-China counterparts in higher education. Under ACC’s support, the newly established ASEAN-China Consortium on Medicine and Health serves as a platform to share practices, strengthen mutual learning and bridge cooperation between ASEAN and China in medical
talent cultivation, medical scientific research and school-industry collaboration. The synergy of high-level medical education resources from both sides will definitely contribute to the deepening of ASEAN-China educational friendly exchanges and practical cooperation.

By attending forums and conferences in higher education, ACC representatives learned about the latest initiatives and measures in higher education development in ASEAN and China as well as the institutional collaborative engagement between both sides. The extensive exchanges with universities, governmental departments and organizations have not only raised the profile of ACC, but also helped ACC identify new partners and enlarge ACC’s collaboration network. ACC’s participation in these events also availed itself of the opportunity to better understand the demands of universities and local governments in China for increasing exchanges and cooperation with ASEAN countries. This will be conducive to designing ACC’s work plan, so as to better fulfill its role of forging links between ASEAN and China.

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. 2019 witnessed the ASEAN Cultural Year, so ACC took the opportunity to conduct colorful cultural activities to support and echo the theme of the year and promote cultural exchanges.

【 2. Activities 】

(1) Collected ASEAN Short Stories and Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals

In line with the flagship projects in the 2019 Annual Work Programme, ACC launched Collection of ASEAN Short Stories and Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals and released through the ACC’s social network platforms from January 2019. This activity aimed at echoing 2019 ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges as well as ASEAN Cultural Year, providing a platform to showcase the colourful culture of ASEAN, encouraging the public to share their knowledge about ASEAN, so as to raise awareness about ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations among the public. This activity got support from ASEAN Member States’ Embassies in China and related ministries. By 7 December 2019, 2 pieces of Myanmar short stories, 1 piece of Indonesian short stories, information of Cultural Festivals of Myanmar, Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia have been posted on ACC’s website, Weibo and WeChat.

(2) Attended the Opening Ceremony of 2019 Shenzhen Belt and Road International Music Festival

2019 Shenzhen Belt and Road International Music Festival hosted by Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government and Chinese Musicians’
Association was opened on 24 March 2019. Mr. Ye Xiaogang, Vice Chairman of China Federation of Literary and Art Circles and Chairman of Chinese Musicians’ Association, Mr. Long Jiayou, Member of the Party Leadership Group of the Guangdong Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Li Xiaogan, Member of the Standing Committee and Director of Publicity Department of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee, Ms. Wu Yihuan, Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government, Ms. He Jiakun, Executive Director of Hong Kong Arts Festival, Mr. Chen Jichun, Vice President of Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, Consul General and representatives of Poland, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico and Qatar Consulates General in Guangzhou attended the opening ceremony and related activities.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination (GACD) of ACC was invited to attend this event on behalf of ACC. She discussed with the above-mentioned guests on the Belt and Road Initiative and joined the opening of the music festival. During her stay in Shenzhen, Director Wang Hongliu met with Mr. Jiang Likun, Director General of Office of the Leading Group of the CPC Shenzhen Municipal Committee for Promoting the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and exchanged views on implementing the Belt and Road Initiative and the Development Plan for Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and enhancing ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation. Director Wang and her delegation also visited the Fantawild Holdings Inc. in Shenzhen.

2019 Shenzhen Belt and Road International Music Festival started from March 24th to April 14th, 2019. A total of 809 artists from 41 countries and regions participated in the festival. They presented 23 performances and 7 extension activities in Shenzhen. Surya Gamelan Orchestra from Indonesia and Suc Song Moi Bamboo Ensemble from Viet Nam were invited to perform during the festival.

(3) Attended the Opening Ceremony of 2019 Culture Cities of East Asia in Xi’an

From 26 to 28 March 2019, a series of activities in celebration of Xi’an as one of the three selected cities of 2019 Culture Cities of East Asia (CCEA) were held in Xi’an City, Shaanxi Province. Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism Ministry of China, Mr. Hu Minglang, Vice Governor of Shaanxi Province, Mr. HOR Monirath, Secretary of State of Tourism Ministry of Cambodia, Mr. Li Mingyuan, Mayor of Xi’an and more than 200 delegates from the Republic of Korea (ROK), Japan, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia and cities of China were present at the opening
ceremony. Upon the invitation of Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC attended the event. Cultural performances from China, Japan and the ROK were presented at the opening ceremony.

Ms. Kong met and exchanged with the officials and delegates from Xi’an, Toshima-ku of Tokyo and Incheon of ROK, which are the Culture Cities of East Asia in 2019. She visited cultural and tourism attractions in Xi’an, and exchanged views with other delegates on culture, tourism and ASEAN-China partnership. Ms. Kong also gave interviews to local media including Xi’an Daily, Xi’an Evening News and Shaanxi TV and shared her opinions on heritage preservation, cultural exchanges and promotion of cities as tourism destinations.

(4) Attended the Opening Ceremony of Exhibition of Treasures from National Museums along the Silk Road

Sharing a Common Future: Exhibition of Treasures from National Museums along the Silk Road was opened on 11 April 2019. Mr. Zhang Xu, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Wang Chunfa, Director of National
Museum of China, Mr. Guan Qiang, Deputy Director of National Cultural Heritage Authority, and Directors of National Museum of Cambodia, Oman, Poland and Russia attended and addressed the opening ceremony. Ambassadors of Cambodia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan to China and more than 100 representatives of museums from around 20 countries and regions attended the opening ceremony.

Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC, and Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD were invited to attend this event on behalf of ACC and visited the exhibition together with the above-mentioned guests.

In order to showcase the cultural exchanges and mutual understanding among countries along the Silk Road, the National Museum of China co-hosted this exhibition with 12 National Museums of countries including Cambodia, Russia, Mongolia, Japan, ROK, Kazakhstan and Poland. A total of 234 cultural relics (sets) were on display at National Museum of China from 11 April to 14 July 2019. The Global Museum Directors Forum was also held on the same day of the opening ceremony.

(5) Attended the Opening Ceremony of “2019 Thai Festival Week in Chongqing”

On 30 April 2019, the “2019 Thai Festival Week” was launched in Chongqing. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai, Mr. Li Qian, Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of Chongqing, Mr. Ma Chengquan, Deputy Chief of the Government of Yubei District of Chongqing, Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk, then Consul-General of Thailand to Chengdu, and representatives from Consulates-General in Chongqing attended the opening ceremony.

The Third Thai Festival Week in Chongqing was held from 30 April to 5 May. It was jointly held by the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Chengdu, Thai Chamber of Commerce and Chiang Mai University, with a view to showcasing Thai products, services and food.

(6) Attended the Opening Ceremony of 14th Thai Festival Week and the Thai Food Festival in Chengdu

On 15 May 2019, Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC attended the Opening Ceremony of 14th Thai Festival Week and the Thai Food Festival in Chengdu. Ms. Zhou met with Mr. Vithit Powattanasuk, then Consul-General of Thailand to Chengdu, and the officials from the Education Department of Sichuan province, Foreign Affairs Office of Chengdu Municipal People’s Government and the leaders of Chengdu University.

(7) Attended the Opening Ceremony of ASEAN Week 2019 in Seoul

On 14 June 2019, ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai was invited to attend the opening ceremony of ASEAN Week 2019 hosted by ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) in Seoul, ROK. First Lady Kim Jung-sook of ROK sent a video message congratulating the successful opening of the ASEAN Week. The Opening Ceremony was attended by Park Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul, Secretary-General Lee Hyuk of AKC, Secretary-General Masataka Fujita of ASEAN-Japan Centre
(AJC), Ambassadors of ASEAN Member States, diplomatic envoys as well as representatives of the ROK government, business community, media and academia. Artists from ASEAN countries and ROK congratulated the ASEAN Week with their special performances.

During his stay in Seoul, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with H.E. Qiu Guohong, Chinese Ambassador to ROK, and visited AKC with Secretary-General Masataka Fujita of AJC to exchange views on cooperation among the three centres.

In celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations and 10th Anniversary of the establishment of the ASEAN-Korea Centre, the ASEAN Week 2019 was held from 14 to 16 June in Seoul, including events such as the ASEAN Music Festival, ASEAN Fashion Festival, ASEAN Travel Talk, the ASEAN design and lifestyle product exhibition (ASEAN Design Pavilion) as well as the Tourism Promotion Booths of all 10 ASEAN countries.

(8) Hosted the “2019 ASEAN-China Fair”

On 21 August 2019, ACC and Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC) jointly hosted the “2019 ASEAN-China Fair” in celebration of the 52nd anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN. Mr. Liang
Jianjun, Counselor of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Ms. Zhang Qian, Executive Vice President of Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Mr. Chen Li, Director-General of Guizhou Province Foreign Affairs Office, Mr. Cao Ru, Director-General of Harbin Foreign Affairs Office, Mr. Dang Minh Khoi, Ambassador of Viet Nam to China, Raja Dato’ Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, then Ambassador-Designate of Malaysia to China, diplomats from ASEAN Member States’ Embassies, representatives of related ministries, universities, organizations, companies and media from both ASEAN and China, in total around 200 guests attended this event. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the event and delivered welcome remarks.

The ASEAN-China Fair demonstrated the colourful cultures and unique traditional cuisine of both ASEAN and China, including singing and dancing performance from ASEAN countries such as Indonesia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam, Diabolo performance, Chinese folk musical instrument performance, intangible cultural heritage display such as Straw Artworks, Royal Circular Fan and Sugar Painting from Beijing, and Kam Grand Choirs, Lusheng Song, Handkerchief Dancing from Guizhou province and Heilongjiang province. In a delightful atmosphere, the guests experienced the unique charm of ASEAN and China cultures and discussed the broad prospects for ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and cooperation.

(9) Attended the Opening Ceremony of Shaanxi Day of World Horticultural Exhibitions 2019
On 22 August 2019, the “Shaanxi Day” of the 2019 China Beijing World Horticultural Exhibitions, hosted by the Shaanxi province, opened in Yanqing, Beijing. Mr. Wei Zengjun, Vice Governor of Shaanxi Province and Mr. Zhang Shenfeng, Vice Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade attended the event and delivered remarks. representatives from China Afforestation Committee and other related organizations, people of all circles and guests from China and abroad, in total around 500 guests attended this event. On behalf of ACC, Ms. Kong Roatlomang,
Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC was invited to attend the event.

2019 Shaanxi Day was held at Beijing World Horticultural Exhibitions from August 22 to 24, to display Shaanxi’s achievements in horticulture, green ecology, culture heritage, tourism attractions, economic and trade development and other fields, as well as hold Qinling panda cultural promotion and local cultural performances and other activities.

(10) Co-organized the 14th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum

The 14th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum was opened in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 20th September 2019. With the theme of the “Integrated Development of Culture and Tourism under the Belt and Road Initiative”, the forum was co-hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, with the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) as co-organizer.

Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Ms. Fan Xiaoli, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Regional Committee and Minister of Publicity Department of the Autonomous Region, Mr. Poramase Ngampiches, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture of Thailand, Datuk Isham Ishak, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, Mr. Phol Norith, Under Secretary of State of the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts of Cambodia, Mr. Orlando Bocaling Magno, Commissioner of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts of the Philippines, culture and tourism officers from ASEAN countries were present at the opening ceremony of the forum. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.

The forum was held from 19th to 21st September 2019 in Nanning and saw an attendance of over 200 representatives from relevant ministries of ASEAN Member States, academics and professionals from associations and enterprises of the culture and tourism sectors in the ASEAN countries and China, as well as representatives of international organizations. Participants conducted extensive and in-depth exchanges on integrated development of culture and tourism, contributing to a lively and stimulating atmosphere. Several other activities were also held during the forum, such as the Guangxi Culture and Tourism Promotion Conference and Guangxi Week of China-ASEAN Culture and Tourism Exchanges 2019.

(11) Attended the Launching Ceremony of the Network of ASEAN Plus Three Culture Cities

The Launching Ceremony of the Network of ASEAN Plus Three Culture Cities and related activities was held in Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province, China from October 24th to 27th, 2019. Mr. Li Jinzao, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Gong Liang, Deputy Director-General of Jiangsu Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Xia Xinmin, Mayor of Yangzhou, representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, the Ministries Responsible for Culture, the Culture Cities and the embassies of ASEAN Member States, China, Japan and the ROK, as well as officials of the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat, around 200 participants were present at the Launching Ceremony on 25 October. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC was invited to attend the Launching Ceremony and other related activities.
Various of activities such as Mayors’ Forum on the Network of ASEAN Plus Three Culture Cities, Yangzhou Cultural and Tourism Promotion Activities, Yangzhou Intangible Cultural Heritage Display were also held during the ceremony. Participants conducted extensive and in-depth exchanges on strengthening the cultural exchanges and cooperation, enhancing sustainable development of regional practical cooperation, promoting exchanges and mutual learning among East Asian civilizations. “The Yangzhou Initiative on Building the Network of ASEAN Plus Three (10+3) Culture Cities” was released during the Mayors’ Forum.

In 2013, China, Japan and the ROK launched the programme of Culture City of East Asia. Over the years, 21 cities were designated as Culture Cities of East Asia. The ASEAN designates the hosting city of the biennial Meeting of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA) as the ASEAN City of Culture. At the 21st 10+3 Summit in November 2018, it was proposed to establish the “10+3 Culture City Network” based on the Culture City of East Asia and ASEAN City of Culture.

During their stay in Yangzhou, ACC representatives also visited Yangzhou Vocational University and the World Historic Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization.

(12) Attended the 4th Round Table Meeting of the Heads of China-ASEAN Art Colleges & the 2nd General Assembly of ASEAN-China Arts Colleges Alliance

The 4th Round Table Meeting of the Heads of China-ASEAN Art Colleges & the 2nd General Assembly of ASEAN-China Arts Colleges Alliance (ACACA) were held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 28th October 2019. Mr. Sun Ruofeng, Director-General of the Department of Technology and Education, Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Khamphou Phiasackha, Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of Lao PDR, Dr. Chantavit Sujatanong, Centre Director of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED), Mr. Jia Yucheng, Inspector of the Department of Culture and Tourism of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Mr. Cai
Changzhuo, Party Secretary of Guangxi Arts University (GXAU), Mr. Sun Wei, Vice Chair and Secretary-General of China Education Federation of the Arts, members of ACACA from around 20 art universities and colleges from ASEAN and China were present at the meetings. Ms. Kong Roatlamang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) attended the meetings and delivered remarks.

With the Round Table Meeting theme of “Unity and Common Prosperity” and General Assembly theme of “How to develop regional culture and art industry, to promote the common prosperity for China-ASEAN regional culture and art”, participants conducted extensive and in-depth exchanges on enhancing communication and deepening cooperation in art education among arts institutions in China and ASEAN Member States. Several culture activities were also held during the meetings, such as the Evening Gala: Glamorous Southeast Asia.

The Round Table Meeting of the Heads of China-ASEAN Art Colleges has been successfully held for 4 times since 2016, originating from the China-ASEAN Cultural Forum. The ACACA was jointly founded by ACC, SEAMEO RIHED and GXAU in 2017, The first batch of alliance members consisted of 8 comprehensive art universities in China and 11 art universities in the ASEAN countries.

(13) Attended the 2019 Hainan Island Carnival

The 2019 (20th) Hainan Island Carnival was opened in Haikou, Hainan Province on 22 November 2019. It was jointly hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and the People’s Government of Hainan Province for the first time.

Mr. Liu Cigui, Secretary of CPC Hainan Provincial Committee and Director of the Hainan Provincial People’s Congress Standing Committee, Mr. Shen Xiaoming, Governor of Hainan Province, Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Mao Wanchun, Chairman of Hainan Provincial CPPCC, Ms. Fu Caixiang, Vice Governor of Hainan Province, Ms. Akosita Lavulavu, Minister of Infrastructure and Tourism of the Kingdom of Tonga, Ambassadors and representatives from the Embassies, Consulates General in China, and relevant authorities from Tonga, Iceland, Japan, ROK, Thailand and other countries, representatives of relevant provinces and cities in China were
present at the opening ceremony of the event. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the opening ceremony and related activities in support of the event and had extensive exchanges of views with the local leaders and international guests.

The 2019 (20th) Hainan Island Carnival was held in the cities of Haikou, Sanya, Danzhou, Qionghai, Wanning, Lingshui in Hainan Province. More than 200 activities were held throughout the Carnival, such as the Hainan Tourism Promotion, the 2nd ASEAN-China University Students’ Cultural Week, the 4th Hainan World Leisure Tourism Expo, the 5th Hainan World Tourism and Food Expo and the 4th Boao International Tourism Promotion Forum.

(14) Attended the 2nd ASEAN-China University Students Cultural Week

The 2nd ASEAN-China University Students’ Cultural Week was opened in Haikou, Hainan Province on 22 November 2019. It is one of the major cultural activities of the 20th Hainan Island Carnival in 2019. The Cultural Week was co-hosted by ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, TV and Sports of Hainan Province, and organized by Haikou University of Economics.

Mr. Cao Yuanxin, Deputy Director General of Department of Tourism, Culture, Radio, Television and Sports of Hainan Province, Mr. Chen Xiao, President of Haikou University of Economics, Consul Generals of Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand in Guangzhou and Haikou, representatives of universities art troupes from China and ASEAN Member States, media, teachers, students and the public, in total more than 700 people were present at the Opening Ceremony. Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks.

The ASEAN-China University Students’ Culture Week consisted of various of activities including the Cultural Performance, Micro Film Contest and Youth Exchanges and Experiences on Culture and Tourism, and was held for one week at 3 different venues in Haikou City and Danzhou City, and saw an attendance of more than 200 people of 15 university performing art troupes from 9 countries, including China, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, ROK, Malaysia,
Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

(15) Supported the 13th 10+3 Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resource Development

The 13th ASEAN Plus Three (10+3) Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resource Development hosted by Central Academy of Culture and Tourism Administration (CACTA) of China, and supported by ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) was opened in Beijing on 5 December 2019. Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism.
Division of ACC, Mr. Wang Jianhua, Vice President of CACTA, Ms. Margaret Wong, representative of the participants of the workshop, Head of History Department, Yangon University attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. Officers, experts and scholars from culture departments of Brunei, Cambodia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam and representatives from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and ASEAN Secretariat attended the ceremony.

Since 2006, 12 sessions of the 10+3 Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resource Development were successfully held, which has become an important platform for cooperation of the cultural human resource development in the region of East Asia. This year’s workshop with the theme of Communication on Chinese Culture was held from 4 to 14 December in Beijing and Xi’an. The participants also attended the Closing Ceremony of the 2019 Culture City of East Asia Xi’an Activity Year on 11 December 2019.

【3. Outcomes】

The above activities provided an opportunity for ACC to engage with government officials, non-governmental organizations, experts and local people of both ASEAN and China as well as the third party. With culture as a link, ACC helped people of both sides expand the scope of cultural exchanges in order to better understand each other, explore the future cooperation opportunities and deepen friendship among 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. 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-sponsored Launching Ceremony of Documentary Dan’s Way-Indonesia

On 14 January 2019, ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai attended in Jakarta the Launching Ceremony of ASEAN-China Cultural Documentary Dan’s Way-Indonesia and its Filming in Other ASEAN Countries. The event was co-hosted by Chinese Mission to ASEAN, ASEAN Secretariat, and Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN, and sponsored by ACC, Nanning Municipal People’s Government and Eleven Media.

With the theme “Connecting”, the launching ceremony kicked off the celebrations of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges in Jakarta. Mr. Huang Xilian, then Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, Mr. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN, Mme. Elizabeth Buensuceso, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to ASEAN, Mr. Jose Tavares, ASEAN SOM Leader of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, Mme. He Ying, Vice Mayor of Nanning, Permanent Representatives of other countries to ASEAN, Dan’s Way team and representatives from government departments, business community and academia, totaling 500 participants attended the event.

DAN’S WAY is a unique documentary focusing on ASEAN-China cultural exchanges and cooperation. Through
the eyes of a famous Chinese TV hostess Ms. Zhu Dan, the documentary presents the beauty of the people, culture and natural landscape of ASEAN countries, promotes universal value of love and life and showcases a diverse, dynamic and united ASEAN from the perspective of a Chinese with understanding and appreciation. The documentary has currently completed the Indonesia episode and plans to cover other nine ASEAN countries in the following years.

(2) Co-hosted the 4th ASEAN Gourmet Festival: the Harmony of Amazing Thai Flavours

On 17 May 2019, the 4th ASEAN Gourmet Festival: the Harmony of Amazing Thai Flavours co-hosted by ACC, the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing and Beijing Tourism Group was opened at Beijing Minzu Hotel. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai, Ambassadors of ASEAN Member States to China and their representatives, former Chinese Ambassadors to Thailand, representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Ministry of Education of China, Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, relevant organizations and media attended the opening ceremony.

H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, H.E. Mr. Piriya Khempon, then Ambassador of Thailand to China, Mr. Gao Fei, Vice President of Beijing Tourism Group and Ms. Xia Minhui, General Manager of Beijing Minzu Hotel delivered remarks on the opening ceremony. Guests enjoyed delicious food featuring classic Thai flavours made by Thai chef team from “Bangkok Bold Kitchen” as well as the cultural show of Thailand.

ASEAN Gourmet Festival is one of the major activities under the flagship projects of ACC. It was launched in 2016 as a long-term annual project with food as a media to showcase the boundless and multi-facet cultural charms and tourism resources of ASEAN Countries in China, every year with one ASEAN Member State as the theme country. Up to now, ASEAN Gourmet Festival has successfully featured Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand.
As Thailand is the ASEAN rotating Chair of 2019, the 4th ASEAN Gourmet Festival: the Harmony of Amazing Thai Flavours lasted until 3 June. In addition to the opening ceremony, a cooking class called “Thailand’s street food” open to the public was held on 24 May and the theme activity of International Children’s Day was held on 1 June.

【 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 】

Children are the future of nations and shoulder great responsibility in building ASEAN-China relations. The promotion of ASEAN-China children’s exchanges will provide a solid foundation for people to build trust and friendship. ACC has carried out various activities to deepen understanding and affection between the children of both sides.
[2. Activities]

(1) Maintained and updated the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges in 2019

The Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges initiated by ACC and managed by CHINADAILY.com.cn, has been successfully in use for 3 years since its launching in 2016 and widely disseminating the information on ASEAN-China children’s cultural exchanges. By 7 December 2019, the website had published nearly 300 news on ASEAN-China children’s activities.

In order to echo 2019 ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges and make full use of this website, CHINADAILY agreed to post news in the field such as culture, tourism, education, technology, sports related to ASEAN-China children and cover news on key flagship projects conducted by ACC. Related information is also publicized on ACC’s official Weibo and WeChat.

(2) Attended the Closing Ceremony of 2019 Beijing Science Camp for ASEAN Youth

On 20 July, ACC representative attended the Closing Ceremony of 2019 Beijing Science Camp for ASEAN Youth in Beijing. The Camp was held by Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC), which is one of the highlight events of 2019 Youth Science Camp in China. 35 middle school students and teachers from 6 ASEAN countries including Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam attended the Camp.

The Camp lasted for one week, the students attended lectures by academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences, visited different kind of science museums, a variety of youth cultural exchange activities were also organized during the event.

(3) Co-hosted the 2019 “Soong Ching Ling Cup” China-ASEAN Youth Football Friendly Matches

On 6 August 2019, the closing ceremony of the 2019 ‘Soong Ching Ling Cup’ ASEAN-China Youth Football Friendly Matches was held successfully in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. H.E. Mr. Wang Jiarui, Chairman of China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF) announced the closing of the matches. H.E. Mr. Yu Qun, Vice Chairman of CSCLF, Mr. Cai Yong, Member of Executive Committee of Chinese Football Association, H.E. Mr. Dang Minh Khoi, then Viet Nam Ambassador to China delivered remarks. Ms. Kong Roatlamang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ACC attended the closing ceremony on behalf of ACC and read ACC Secretary-General Chen
Dehai’s remarks. Mr. Salermxay Thathongsak, Deputy Chief of Mission of Laos Embassy, Mr. Han Win Aung, Deputy Chief of Mission, Minister Counsellor of Myanmar Embassy, Ms. Natthira Krasaesarn, Minister Counsellor of Royal Thai Embassy and representatives from Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippine Embassies and Singapore Consulate General in Shanghai watched the final matches, cultural performances and presented awards to the football teams and players with the above-mentioned guests.

The friendly matches lasted for 4 days. Ten U12 youth football teams from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and China participated in the matches. After heated competition, Thailand won the championship, and China and Malaysia won the runner-up and second runner-up respectively. The most valuable player was awarded to Thailand. Malaysia won the top scorer award. China received the best goalkeeper and the fair competition award. Moreover, a variety of youth cultural exchange activities were organized during the event.

During their stay in Hangzhou, the representatives from ACC and ASEAN Member States’ Embassies and Consulate-General in China visited the Alibaba Enterprise Pavilion and the Liangzhu Museum with the representatives of China Soong Ching Ling Foundation.

(4) Attended the 7th China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair

The 7th China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair (CCBF), organized by Shanghai Press & Publication and Administration, China Education Publishing & Media Group Ltd. and China Universal Press & Publication Co. Ltd., was held from 15 to 17 November, 2019 in Shanghai. Upon the invitation of the
Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair Committee, ACC representative attended the China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair and related activities held in Shanghai.

During the occasions, ACC representative attended Chen Bochui International Children’s Literature Award Ceremony and CCBF Official Forums and Seminars, visited 2019 CCBF and related exhibitions, and met with the representatives of 2019 CCBF organizers and Organizing Committee of China International Animation and Game Expo.

**[3. Outcomes]**

The above youth exchanges and activities strengthened ASEAN-China youth friendship and understanding through sports and cultural exchanges, 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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### Promoting the Quality of ASEAN-China Tourism Destinations

#### [1. Background]

In recent years, tourism has become a closer bond between ASEAN and China and is playing an important role in social and economic development of both sides. Recognizing the strategic importance in promoting greater people-to-people contact and sustainable socio-economic growth (taken from OP2 2017 Joint Statement between ASEAN-China on Tourism Cooperation), tourism has gained greater attention from most countries including those of ASEAN and China. The tourists of ASEAN and China have developed higher-level expectations for their travel experiences, domestically or internationally. The question on how to design and promote new travel routes so as to let the destinations be more well-known and more attractive to tourists from across the world does not only constitute a challenge for the tourism stakeholders, but also means an opportunity for the general public.

In this connection, ACC will explore more new platforms and innovation activities to promote ASEAN-China tourism resources, develop cooperation with leading tourism institutions, media as well as regional and international organizations to promote all kinds of tourism products, and help develop leading tourism brands connecting ASEAN and China.

#### [2. Activities]

**1. Reprinted ASEAN Tourism Promotion Materials**

ASEAN, endowed with rich and diverse tourism resources and enjoying geographic proximity with China, is a popular destination for Chinese tourists. To further raise the profile of ASEAN and its potential travel routes, ACC reprinted Golden Trails (Chinese version), Travel Guide, ASEAN Festivals Manual and other promotional materials featuring typical ASEAN tourism features. The materials
were sent to relevant institutions, organizations and distributed at the tourism expos and fairs to help Chinese tourists get valuable information about the destinations of ASEAN. Besides, the video of the 6-episode documentary of “Hi ASEAN-The Belt and Road Tour” co-produced by BTV and ACC has also become more popular after being played at public expos and fairs.

(2) Attended the 38th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2019 and related activities

The 38th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2019 and related activities were held from 14 to 20 January 2019 in Ha Long, Viet Nam. The theme of “ASEAN - The Power of One” signified the importance of embracing strength in unity for meaningful and creative initiatives that boost tourism industry of ASEAN.

H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, led the delegation to participate in these activities. During the Opening Ceremony, Secretary-General Chen Dehai conversed with the ASEAN Tourism Ministries and the other senior delegates on many tourism topics. When attending the 22nd Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers and the 18th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three (China, Japan and ROK) Tourism Ministers, Secretary-General Chen Dehai delivered a speech highly commending the fruitful results of ASEAN-China relations and the achievements of tourism cooperation under the guidance of the Belt & Road Initiative. The future of tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China will be brighter than ever before. ACC will do its utmost to play its role and join efforts with all ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) and relevant partners to make greater contributions to the sustainable development of the ASEAN tourism.

At the 49th Meeting of ASEAN NTOs from 14 to 15 January, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC gave a detailed presentation focusing on the role of ACC as a one-stop information and activities centre and shared with the other delegates the latest ASEAN-China tourism figures, key achievements and tourism activities in 2018 as well as work programme of ACC in 2019.

On the sidelines of ATF 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai also met with H. E. U Ohn Maung, Union Minister for
Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar and exchanged views on the bilateral tourism cooperation.

(3) **Participated in the Xi’an Silk Road International Tourism Expo (XSRITE) 2019**

Xi’an Silk Road International Tourism Expo (XSRITE) 2019 was held from 29-31 March. It attracted 43 participating countries and regions including four ASEAN countries, namely, Cambodia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. ACC set up a booth and promoted ASEAN’s cultural and tourism attractions to the public.

At the Opening Ceremony on 29 March, Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that since ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership was established 15 years ago, the political trust between the two sides has been deepening and the practical cooperation in various fields has yielded fruitful results. ACC stands ready to join hands with all the relevant parties to improve bilateral exchanges and cooperation in various fields through a range of platforms including travel shows and expos.

(4) **Attended the Documentary Video and Technical Progress Forum 2019**

The Documentary Video and Technical Progress Forum 2019 was held on 18 April 2019 at Beijing Broadcasting
Tower Hotel. It was within the framework of Beijing International Film Festival (BJIFF) and attracted more than 100 participants including those from local media groups and representatives from the embassies of Cambodia and the Philippines in China.

Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC attended the Forum and delivered remarks appreciating all the partners and friends supporting ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation. The 6-episode documentary of “Hi ASEAN - The Belt and Road Tour” co-produced by BTV and ACC was one of the hot topics at the Forum as it is a typical case of “4K new technology applied to the whole process of documentary shooting.”

(5) Attended Huanggang Cultural and Tourist Promotion events

Huanggang Cultural and Tourist Promotion was held from 9 to 12 May 2019 in Hubei Province. Madam Li Xiaolin, President of Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Mr. Liu Xuerong, Party Secretary of Huanggang City, Ms. Qiu Lixin, Mayor of Huanggang City, Mr. Liu Shijun, Secretary-General of World Tourism Alliance (WTA), delegates of Cameron, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and travel entrepreneurs from home and abroad joined the event.

On behalf of ACC, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC attended the promotion and met with local officials and other delegates. Besides exploring the possibility of deepening cultural and tourism cooperation between ASEAN and Huanggang City and Hubei Province, she also shared her suggestions on the possible strategies and measures for Huanggang to promote its rich natural, historical and cultural resources, esp. for attracting inbound tourists from ASEAN.

(6) Participated and set-up booth in Asian Culture and Tourism Exhibition (ACTE)

Asian Culture and Tourism Exhibition (ACTE) was held within the framework of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations in Beijing from 16 to 18 May 2019. H.E. Mr. Luo Shugang, Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, H.E. Mr. Bosengkham Vongdara, H.E. Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism of Lao PDR, H.E. Mr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, H.E. Madam Phoeurng Sackona, Minister of Culture and Art of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Phinij Jarusombat, former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Chairman of Thailand-China Committee of Cultural Promotion, and H.E. Mr. Aminuddin Ihsan, Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports of Brunei attended the opening
ceremony on 16 May. Cambodia and Lao PDR were the Guest Countries of ACTE.

ACC built a pavilion at this high-profile exhibition with the support of Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and Beijing Sunny International Communications Ltd. (the organizer and operator of ACTE respectively) and joined in a series of major events of ACTE including the Trade Talks, Asian Travel Operator Conference and China Culture and Tourism Promotion Night. The ACC delegates broadly exchanged views with the exhibitors and visitors on international cultural and tourism partnership supporting the ASEAN tourism.

On the sidelines of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations, H. E. Dr. THONG Khon, Minister of Tourism of Kingdom of Cambodia, paid a visit to ACC Secretariat on 17 May and exchanged views with Secretary-General Chen Dehai on further deepening tourism cooperation between Cambodia and China.

(7) Attended the 43rd Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Tourism Working Group Meeting and Mekong Tourism Forum 2019

On 27 May 2019, the 43rd Meeting of GMS Tourism Working Group, which was organized by Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China (MoCTC) and the People’s Government of Yunnan Province, was held in Dali, China. Around 70 delegates from GMS National Tourism Organizations such as Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, MoCT, the People’s Government of Yunnan Province, ACC, Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation attended the meeting.

Deputy Director of GACD Ms. Ding Yue of ACC gave brief presentation during the meeting, and mainly introduced ACC’s flagship projects in the field of tourism in 2019. She said tourism is one of the main priority areas of ACC. ACC has been exploring the potential of ASEAN-China tourism cooperation, and it will redouble its efforts to design and carry out activities to promote GMS tourism cooperation as well as join efforts with all relevant partners to help boost the development of tourism industry. On 28 May 2019, the Mekong Tourism Forum (MTF) 2019 was held in Dali. Deputy Director Ding Yue attended the forum upon invitation and exchanged views with other delegates. Representatives from the Administrations of Tourism of GMS countries, the People’s Government of Yunnan Province, MoTC, ADB and Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation attended the meeting.

(8) Attended the 3rd Annual Assembly of China-ASEAN Tourism Education Alliance (CATEA) & International Forum on China-ASEAN Tourism Education 2019

The 3rd Annual Assembly of China-ASEAN Tourism Education Alliance (CATEA) & International Forum on China-ASEAN Tourism Education 2019 were held on 20 June 2019 at Trisakti School of Tourism, Jakarta, Indonesia. It is an annual event with a view to propelling tourism education cooperation between ASEAN and China. The VIP guests present at the Opening Ceremony included H.E. Ms. Ni Wayan Giri Adnyani, Deputy Minister of Industry and International Relations, Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Huang Xilian, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China, Ms. Fetty Asmaniati, President of Trisakti School of Tourism of Indonesia, Ms. Lin Na, Party Secretary of Guilin Tourism University of China and Mr. Victor
Wee, General Secretary of ASEAN Tourism Research Association (ATRA), etc. Themed with “Striking a holistic balance between conservation, communities and sustainable tourism”, the events brought together all the 21 member institutes from China and 10 Member States of ASEAN.

Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC attended the events and delivered remarks at the Opening Ceremony, congratulating on the well-run events of CATEA and thanking all the academic partners of ACC. With a robust growth in the number of tourists in the region, it is significant for ASEAN and China to strengthen collaboration in promoting sustainable tourism development and cultivate skilled tourism professionals, so as to elevate the quality of tourism services. She believed CATEA will make new achievements in its mission. ACC stands ready to join hands with its partners to promote quality tourism education and develop human resources in ASEAN and China.

Initiated by the ACC and Guilin Tourism University along with 18 tourism schools and enterprises from China and ASEAN in Guiyang, China in 2017, CATEA was established as a non-governmental organization on a voluntary basis with a view to better serving the needs of economic and social development in this region.

(9) Participated in the 50th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs), the 35th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs and related Meetings

The 50th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) and the 35th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs were held in Siem Reap, Cambodia from 8 to 12 July, 2019. The series of meetings brought together around 100 delegates including the heads of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations and officials of ASEAN Secretariat, ACC, AJC, AKC as well as international tourism organizations and travel associations. The VIP guests for the Opening Ceremony on 10 July included H.E. Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Teav Seiha, Governor of Siem Reap Province and H.E. Mr. Pengiran Haji Kamalrudzaman bin Pengiran Haji Mohd Ishak, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism of Brunei Darussalam and Chair of the 50th ASEAN NTOs Meeting.

Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC delivered a detailed presentation at the 50th Meeting of ASEAN NTOs, introducing the mandate and role of ACC, the latest ASEAN-China tourism figures, and major activities conducted by ACC in the first half of the year 2019 as well as the upcoming activities in the second half. The flagship projects co-organized by ACC and its partners, such as Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers (Siem Reap), One-Day Tourism Seminar on “China-Ready” (Mandalay and Bangkok) and the 4th ASEAN Gourmet Festival (Beijing) deeply impressed all the tourism officials and experts from the ASEAN Member States. In addition, the various events in China and ASEAN which were supported by ACC further showcased ACC’s endeavour to promote people-to-people
linkage and practical cooperation between ASEAN and China. The chairpersons and heads of ASEAN NTOs appreciated ACC’s efforts to promote sustainable tourism development in ASEAN countries. The delegates of ACC were also invited to attend the 35th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs on 12 July.

These Meetings served to be valuable platforms for ACC to strengthen its partnership with the ASEAN NTOs and other regional tourism organizations.

(10) Organized 2019 ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week

On 29 August 2019, the Opening Ceremony of 2019 ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week was held in Guiyang, capital of Guizhou Province. H. E. Mr. Wei Guonan, Vice Governor of Guizhou Province, H.E. Mr. Chen Yan, Mayor of Guiyang Municipal People’s Government, Mr. Tan Awang Besar, Undersecretary of Policy Division (Culture), Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, H.E. Mr. Lee Hyuk, Secretary-General of ASEAN-Korea Centre, H.E. Mr. Chote Trachu, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Yeoh Soon Hin, State Minister of Penang State Tourism Development, Arts, Culture and Heritage (PETACH) of Malaysia, Madam Mingkwan Metmowlee, President of ASEAN Tourism Association, representatives from National Tourism Organizations and diplomatic missions of ASEAN countries including Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam and over 400 delegates from home and abroad were present. H. E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and delivered remarks.

Vice Governor Wei Guonan spoke highly of the Exchange Week as a new platform for strengthening international exchanges and cooperation, especially for improving mutual understanding and practical cooperation between Guizhou Province and ASEAN countries. Mayor Chen Yan said the Municipal People’s Government of Guiyang will make joint efforts with ACC in deepening the friendly exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and Guiyang via the partnership bridge and linkage of the Exchange Week. Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that, in terms of exchanges and
cooperation with ASEAN under the guidance of the Belt and Road Initiative, Guizhou Province and Guiyang City boast tremendous advantages and potentials. The 2nd Exchange Week has made another success story and will definitely help Guizhou Province and its capital Guiyang speed up their strategic strides towards a globally attractive destination with high-level connectivity.

On the same day, Party Secretary of Guiyang City Zhao Deming met Secretary General Chen Dehai and all the VIP guests of ASEAN participating in the Exchange Week. Secretary-General Chen Dehai also gave an exclusive interview by local media on cultural exchanges and tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China.

(11) Organized the 3rd ASEAN-China Tourism Festival (ACTF) on 7 September and Supported the 6th Sichuan International Travel Expo (SITE) and related Activities from 5-9 September in Leshan, Sichuan Province

The Opening Ceremony of CITE was held on 6 September with the presence of Mr. Peng Qinghua, Secretary of the CPC Committee of Sichuan Province, Mr. Yang Xingping, Vice Governor of Sichuan Province, Mr. Li Bin, Vice Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (Province of Honor), Mr. Dhan Bahadur Budha, Nepalese State Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Mr. Neak Neron, Vice Governor of Siem Reap Province, Cambodia, Mr. Soon-Hwa Wong, Vice President of Pacific Asia Travel Association and over 400 delegates from home and abroad were present at the Ceremony. Director Kong R-oatlomang of ECTD, ACC and diplomats of the Embassies and Consulates-General of ASEAN Member States in China attended the Ceremony. On the same day, Director Lomang also met with the Chairman of Leshan Municipal Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and exchanged views extensively on deepening cooperation for improving the strategic partnership in various fields between ASEAN and China, especially between ASEAN and Sichuan Province.

On 7 September, the Opening Ceremony of the 3rd ASEAN-China Tourism Festival was successfully held in conjunction with the 6th SCITE. Mr. Liao Kequan, Vice Mayor of the Municipal People’s Government of Leshan,
Mr. Lu Feng, Counsel Director of Sichuan Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, Mr. Xu Guangwei, Deputy Director-General of Harbin FAO, Ms. Woramon Sinsuwan, Acting Consul General of the Royal Thai Consulate General in Chengdu, Mr. Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Counsellor of the Embassy of Lao PDR in Beijing, Mr. Tran Thanh Hai, Counsellor of the Embassy of Viet Nam in Beijing, representatives from the Embassies of Cambodia, Myanmar and the Philippines in Beijing as well as local travel fraternity, totally around 60 guests, attended the Opening Ceremony. Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC, delivered the opening remarks.

Via SITE and ACTF 2019, the unique cultural features and popular travel routes of ASEAN countries were further promoted and ASEAN’s partnership with Sichuan in various fields including culture and tourism strengthened. The branding process and influence of ASEAN-China Tourism Festival have also been improved.

(12) Organized a media familiarization tour to Cambodia from 15-22 September

As invited and supported by the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia (MoTC), ACC organized the tour with 7 journalists from 5 mainstream media including China Daily, China Report, Sina.com, Tencent and Guangxi Broadcasting System. This year 2019 has been designated as ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges as well as Cambodia-China Year of Culture and Tourism with an aim to further strengthen people-to-people exchanges and friendly cooperation between the two sides. On 15 September in Phnom Penh, Undersecretary So Visothy of MoTC met all the members of the Chinese media delegation and expected such important activities as the media familiarization tour will effectively promote the Cambodia tourism in the Chinese market. The journalists explored the historical heritage sites, natural tourism resources and experienced the delicacy of Cambodian cuisine during their 8-day tour. Their media reports afterwards helped the Chinese people better understand Cambodia in terms of history, culture and social developments.
Familiarization tour is one of the most popular activities for tourism exploration and promotion. With the support of the partners of ASEAN and China, ACC will map out a new work programme in the future with the familiarization tour as a key part, through which the ASEAN tourism will be further promoted as a single destination in China.

(13) Supported the 4th Conference on Development of Tourism Industry (CDTI) and the 24th North China Tourism Fair (NCTF) from 13-16 October, 2019 in Shijiazhuang, Hebei province

Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD, and the officials of the Embassies of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam in Beijing were invited to the Hebei activities and explored the rich tourism resources this province neighboring Beijing.

The Opening Ceremony of NCTF was held on 14 October at Shijiazhuang International Convention and Exhibition Center, Zhengding County, Shijiazhuang City with more than 300 delegates present. ACC set up an eye-catching pavilion featuring the ASEAN tourism and promoted the ASEAN tourism as a single destination through handing out the tourism pamphlets and ACC’s publication, playing the documentary Hi! ASEAN and conducting Q & A interactive games.

On 15 October, the Opening Ceremony of CDTI was held with the presence of Mr. Wang Dongfeng, Party Secretary of Hebei Province, Mr. Xu Qin, Deputy Party Secretary and Governor of Hebei Province, Mr. Ye Dongsong, Chairman of Hebei Provincial Committee of Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, Mr. Wang Xiaofeng, Member of the Party Group of Culture and Tourism Ministry of China, Mr. YB Tuan Muhammad Bakhtiar bin Wan Chik, Deputy Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture of Malaysia, Mr. Eric Duluc, President of International Tourism Federation and more than 1100 delegates from home and abroad. Director Kong Roatlomang and the ASEAN Embassies officials attended the Opening Ceremony and exchanged views with the distinguished guests. They also joined in the technical tour in Shijiazhuang and visited the top tourist attractions in a few counties and districts of Shijiazhuang.

Through these tourism activities, the practical partnership between ASEAN and Hebei has been strengthened. In the
future, joint promoting tourist destinations of ASEAN through joint familiarization trips may be explored.

(14) Attended the ASEAN Tourism Investment Seminar organized by ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) on 23 October and the Opening Ceremony of Tourism Expo Japan on 24 October in Osaka, Japan

The ACC Delegation headed by Ms. Kong Roatlamang, Director of ECTD were invited by AJC and exchanged views with their Japanese and ASEAN counterparts on tourism exchanges and cooperation. During the events, the
necessary information on potential tourism investment projects in the ASEAN countries was disseminated and relevant business networking was further built. The keynote address by the representative of the Philippines and respective country presentations by the representatives of AMS provided much valuable information. The Delegation of ACC appreciated the hospitality of the Japanese host and the efforts by all the ASEAN delegates.

(15) Participated in China International Travel Mart 2019 which was held from 15-17 November in Kunming, Yunnan Province

Mr. Luo Shugang, Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Ruan Chengfa, Governor of Yunnan Provincial People’s Government, Mr. Pipat Ratchakitprakarn, Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, Mr. Sala Fata Pinati, Minister of Tourism of Samoa, Mr. Akosita Havili Lavulavu, Minister of Tourism of Tonga, Mr. Hor Sarun, Undersecretary of State, Tourism Ministry of Cambodia and over 400 delegates from home and abroad were present at the Opening Ceremony of China International Travel Mart (CITM) 2019 and the Closing Ceremony of China-Pacific Island Countries Year of Tourism 2019. Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) attended the Ceremonies and met with various tourism stakeholders during the 3-day annual event of CITM.

As a significant annual tourism fair, CITM helps the exhibitors and buyers from across the world achieve business partnership and fruitful results. It has a history of 21 years operation and is broadly recognized as one of the signature tourism events in the world. ACC set up an eye-catching pavilion for displaying the ASEAN destination photos and conducting interactive activities. The documentary of Hi! ASEAN made by Beijing TV and the films of Cambodian
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cuisine and Angkor Wat made by Guangxi Broadcasting System were played and over 1,000 copies of ACC’s brochures introducing the tourism resources and travel routes in the ASEAN countries were distributed.

CITM 2019 boasted 90,000 square meters of exhibition area with over 3,800 standard booths and 75 participating countries and regions. On the sidelines of CITM 2019, the ACC delegates also attended the Yunnan Tourism Presentation hosted by Yunnan Provincial People’s Government on 14 November and the Awarding Ceremony on 16 November hosted by the China National Tourism magazine.

(16) Attended the 44th GMS Tourism Working Group Meeting and relevant meetings held on 28 November in Siem Reap, Cambodia

H.E. Mr. Tith Chantha, Secretary of State of Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia, Mr. Steven Schipani, Head of Project Administration Unit of Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Mr. Jens Thraenhart, Executive Director of Mekong Tourism Coordinating Office (MTCO) delivered welcome remarks at the opening session of the GMS TWG Meeting. Around 80 representatives from the National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) of the GMS countries, ADB, MTCO, ASEAN-Japan Centre and ASEAN-Korea Centre attended the meetings.

Secretary of State Tith Chantha said that the GMS has become one of the fastest-growing tourist destinations in Southeast Asia with warm hospitality, diverse products and an increasing number of international tourist arrivals. Although a lot has been achieved, many issues and challenges remain to be addressed and solved together by the GMS partners. He hoped that all the relevant stakeholders would exert joint efforts for a sustained development of the GMS tourism sector. The representative of the Culture and Tourism Ministry of China made a brief introduction on the outcomes of the 43rd GMS Tourism Working Group Meeting held in Dali, China in May 2019. Then, the representatives of the six GMS countries, namely Cambodia, China, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Thailand and Viet Nam shared with each
other the latest tourist figures, joint GMS regional tourism promotion activities and other GMS tourism sector strategy priority areas. The representative of MTCO presented the new video of Experience Mekong Tourism Destination and its upcoming initiatives for the GMS tourism. The experts of MTCO, ADB and Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) shared with all the representatives their understandings on the GMS tourism statistics and relevant initiatives.

Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC attended the meetings and delivered a presentation on ACC’s initiatives for the GMS tourism. For the year of 2019, the two flagship tourism projects, namely, Chinese Tour Guide Training and Capacity Building on China-Ready, were both carried out in the GMS countries of Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand. Via the project of Promoting the Quality of ASEAN-China Tourism Destination and participating in the major travel fairs in China for the whole year, ACC further helped tap the Chinese tourism market for the GMS travel destinations. The representatives of ACC and their counterparts also broadly exchanged views on the GMS tourism collaboration and practical partnership.

【3. Outcomes】

As one of ACC’s flagship projects in the field of tourism, a series of activities under the framework of Promoting the Quality of ASEAN-China Tourism Destinations have been completed. This has not only promoted the tourist destinations of the ASEAN countries, but strengthened the cultural and tourism partnership between ASEAN and China. The profile of ACC as one-stop information and activities centre connecting ASEAN and China has also been improved with the practical results of such activities as the above. In the future, ACC will make persistent joint efforts in promoting the emerging destinations of ASEAN and China with new work plans.

**Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers of ASEAN Member States**

【1. Background】

Nowadays, the ever-increasing two-way tourist traffic between ASEAN and China demands high-level service in both quality and quantity on the basis of human resources development. Accordingly, training more qualified Chinese tour guides for ASEAN countries has become one of the top priorities for ACC and its partners. The Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers was initiated by the 45th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations during ASEAN Tourism Forum 2017 in Singapore and was launched in Brunei Darussalam in July 2018.

【2. Activities】

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

From 28 to 30 May, 2019, the Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers was successfully co-organized by ACC and the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia in Siem Reap. The VIP guests at the Opening Session were H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, H. E. Mr. Pak Sokhom, Secretary of State, Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia, H. E. Mr. Pov Piseth, Deputy Governor of Siem Reap Provincial Governor Board, Mr. Liu Zhijie, Director of Chinese Consulate Office in Siem Reap Province.
In his speech at the Opening Ceremony, Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia and Yunnan College of Tourism Vocation for their contributions to this important activity. As more and more Chinese tourists are traveling to Cambodia, there is an increasing demand for Chinese-speaking tour guides. He hoped the training programme would help cultivate more qualified Chinese-speaking tour guides and deliver quality service for Chinese tourists. ACC stands ready to cooperate with its Cambodian partners in developing human resources in the field of Chinese-speaking tour guide services.

Secretary of State Pak Sokhom, who is also High Representative of H.E. Dr. THONG Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia, declared the opening of Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers 2019. He spoke highly of this training program which would not only help improve the Chinese proficiency of local tourism stakeholders, but also better guarantee quality services for Chinese tourists.

The training programme consists of in-class learning courses and situation learning (visit to Angkor Wat temple). The 7 courses selected for this programme were: 1) The essence of heritage-tourism experience; 2) Tourism culture connotation of the World Heritages in China; 3) Interpretation skills of tour guides; 4) Content design of heritage interpretation; 5) Cross-cultural comparative analysis of Cambodian and Chinese traditional architecture; 6) Art of tourism service for Chinese tourists; 7) Tourism products innovation for World Heritage Sites. In total, 100 trainees of licensed Chinese tour guides, tour guide teachers and relevant tourism stakeholders attended the Training Programme and got the Certificates co-signed by ACC and the MoTC.

[ 3. Outcomes ]

The 2nd edition of Chinese Language Training Programme was very successful as it helped improve the understanding of ASEAN tourism stakeholders on Chinese culture, history, regulations and tourist consumption trends as well as their Chinese capabilities and expertise. Furthermore, it also strengthened tourism training collaboration between
ACC and its partners and provided much experience for ACC to explore the feasibility of new projects for the ASEAN tourism in the future.

ASEAN-China Tourism Capacity Building Project on China-Ready

【1. Background】

Since the year of 2012, China has been the biggest source of outbound tourists in the world. With geographic proximity and favorable policies, the two-way tourist traffic between ASEAN and China has been increasing rapidly. In 2018, the total number of two-way tourists between ASEAN and China approached about 55 million and gave great impetus to the destination countries in terms of employment opportunities and economic growth.

To provide valuable information of the ASEAN tourism to Chinese tourists and travel businessmen, the tourism stakeholders of ASEAN including officials, executives, travel agents, tour operators and tour guides must have sufficient knowledge and expertise on Chinese language, culture, history, consumer behaviors and marketing strategy. To strengthen tourism exchanges and practical cooperation between ASEAN and China, ACC has developed partnership with some leading tourism universities and colleges in China which are experienced in tourism education and human resources development, esp. in the field of tourism capacity building. The One-Day Tourism Seminar on China-Ready is one of ACC’s flagship projects under this kind of partnership aiming to upgrade both the quantity and quality of mutual visits between ASEAN and China.

【2. Activities】

Co-organized the Tourism Seminar on China-Ready in Mandalay, Myanmar and Bangkok, Thailand in June 2019

(1) Seminar in Mandalay. On 11 June 2019, the One-Day Tourism Seminar on “China-Ready” was successfully held in Mandalay, Myanmar. The VIP guests attending the Opening Session were H. E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, H. E. Mr. Myat Thu, Minister of Finance and Tourism, Mandalay Regional Government of Myanmar, and H. E. Mr. Wang Zongying, Chinese Consul-General in Mandalay. In total 120 local tourism stakeholders attended the training programme and got the Certificates co-signed by ACC and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar.

In his remarks, Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar and the two academic partners, Beijing Union University (BUU) and Guilin Tourism University (GTU), for their contributions to this Seminar. The flourishing people-to-people exchanges between the two countries over the past decade have helped strengthen the profound “Paukphaw” friendship and practical cooperation in various fields. The number of Chinese tourists visiting Myanmar is expected to keep on rising in years to come. The Seminar comprising four selected lectures would help enhance the competitiveness and sustainable growth of Myanmar’s tourism industry. On behalf of Mandalay Regional Government and the Union Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Minister Myat Thu spoke highly of the seminar as a reflection of the outcome of close cooperation between the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar and ACC. He believed that such training activities as the Seminar would help effectively promote the sustainable growth of inbound tourism in Myanmar.

At the end of the Seminar, an awarding ceremony was held. On behalf of Myanmar tourism sector, Mr. Kyi Thein Ko, Secretary-General of Myanmar Tourism Federation delivered remarks appreciating ACC’s efforts to support Myanmar’s tourism development. Local media including 7 Days TV, Mandalay TV and Mandalay Daily joined this
activity and gave a special coverage.

(2) Seminar in Bangkok. On 27 June 2019, the One-Day Tourism Seminar on “China-Ready” was successfully held in Bangkok, Thailand. The VIP guests including H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, H.E. Mr. Chote Trachu, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand (MoTS), Ms. Chang Yumeng, Cultural Counsellor of Chinese Embassy in Bangkok, and Ms. Zhang Xinhong, Director of China National Tourist Office in Bangkok. In total 110 participants of local tourism stakeholders, university teachers, immigration officers and provincial tourism staff attended the Seminar and got the Certificates co-signed by ACC and the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand.

Cultural Counsellor Chang Yumeng delivered a speech congratulating on the event in Bangkok and commended that the Seminar co-organized by ACC and MoTS served well the needs of Thailand-China tourism market and sustainable growth of the two-way tourist visits. Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked MoTS and the two academic partners of China, Beijing Union University (BUU) and Guilin Tourism University (GTU), for their contributions to the Seminar. The all-round Thailand-China cooperation has delivered tangible benefits to the peoples of both sides. China is not only the largest source of inbound tourists for Thailand, but also has contributed the biggest sum of tourist expenditures in Thailand. He believed this Seminar could bring concrete benefits to the tourism sector and help improve Thailand’s global competitiveness and sustainable growth. Permanent Secretary Chote Trachu spoke highly of this Seminar which helped Thai tourism stakeholders better understand Chinese culture and the behaviors of Chinese tourists. As China is
now the biggest source of inbound tourists for Thailand, he observed that Chinese tourists have a remarkable impact on the economy and tourism trend in Thailand. He thanked ACC for its efforts to improve the quality of tourism cooperation between the two countries.

The Seminars held in Mandalay and Bangkok comprised four lectures focusing on Chinese culture, history, outbound travel trends, tourism product analysis, tourism quality services and new media marketing. How to guarantee the quality of tourism service through capacity building was among the hot topics discussed during the Seminars.

【3. Outcomes】

With the Seminar in Bangkok held as planned, the flagship project of Tourism Seminar on China-Ready has been successfully conducted in all the 10 Member States of ASEAN. It showed that tourism capacity building shall be one of the effective means for one destination to improve global competitiveness and realize sustainable growth. The Seminar helped local tourism stakeholders adapt to the rapid development of Chinese outbound travel market and improve their capacity building, which surely contributed to guaranteeing quality service for Chinese tourists visiting ASEAN countries. Such a tourism activity has also enriched the practical results of exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China under the Belt and Road Initiative aligned with the respective strategies of the ASEAN Member States.
The year 2019 is designated as ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. Media plays a unique role in bridging the general public of different nations. ACC has been committed to “bridging the bridges” by creating various opportunities for media of ASEAN countries and China to get connected and explore collaboration potentials between the two sides.

In 2019, to echo the theme of the year, the Information and Public Relations Division (IPRD) of ACC designed and carried out a host of activities in the area of information and public relations, including six flagship projects, namely lecture series on ASEAN-China Relations, reporting trip by Chinese media to Brunei Darussalam and Myanmar, reporting trip by ASEAN media to Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, Sichuan and Shaanxi provinces of China, the 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum, the 2018 ASEAN-China statistics book and Media Exchange and Capacity Building.

IPRD also plays an active role in enhancing public awareness of ASEAN-China relations as well as ACC’s brand building. New attempts include inviting Secretary-General Chen Dehai to give an interview to Guangming Daily, one of China’s mainstream media agencies, and producing ACC’s new promotion micro-videos. In addition, special efforts were exerted to support some new initiatives raised by Chinese media which aimed to further raise public interests in ASEAN-China relations. For instance, IPRD helped to invite the Ambassador of the Philippines to shoot a VR VLOG on bilateral relations, which was the very first of this kind in China, and facilitated the production process. The all-media brand journey, “The Thousand Miles on Silk Road-2019 Amazing ASEAN” also gained strong support from ACC. Through these projects and activities, ACC managed to extensively reach out to the general public in China, ASEAN and beyond.

Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations

1. Background

Knowledge and understanding about ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations are important to promote the sustainable development of ASEAN-China relations. Since 2012, ACC has organized over ten Lectures on ASEAN-China relations by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors in various Chinese universities in Beijing and other cities of China, which were warmly received by university faculty members and students. From 2017 on, ACC has further expanded this project into social/business/education/culture/media communities, which helped enhance public awareness on ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations and also started inviting Chinese scholars and experts to give lectures on specific topics for AMS embassies, such as ASEAN-China economic cooperation, scientific and technological cooperation, innovation and sharing economy.

The project is designed to boost public interest in AMS, the role of ACC and ASEAN-China relations, and to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the people of ASEAN and China, especially among the young generation.

In 2019, the content of the project was further expanded and its name was changed to “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations”.
2. Activities

(1) Ambassadors Lecture at Chongqing University

On 27 November 2018, ACC successfully held the 11th session of “the Lecture Series by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors” at Chongqing University. Mr. Huang Xilian, Ambassador of China to ASEAN, Mr. Tan Hung Seng, Permanent Representative of Singapore to ASEAN, Ms. Elizabeth Buensuceso, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to ASEAN, were invited to give keynote lectures to the university faculty and students.

In the welcome remarks, Professor Liu Hanlong, Vice President of Chongqing University stressed that the lecture would provide insights into the strategic partnership between China and ASEAN, help students get a clear picture of ASEAN-China relations, and foster a strong sense of responsibility on students to contribute to the friendship between China and ASEAN countries.

In his opening remarks, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai encouraged young students to actively take part in exchanges with ASEAN countries and become envoys for ASEAN-China friendship in the future.

Ambassador Huang Xilian, Ambassador Tan Hung Seng and Ambassador Elizabeth Buensuceso delivered keynote speeches respectively under the theme of “Future of ASEAN-China Relations”.

Ambassador Huang Xilian stated that the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030 sets a blueprint for the mid-and long-term development of China-ASEAN relations. The goal is to forge a higher level of strategic partnership and a closer community of shared future. Under the guidance of Vision 2030, China and ASEAN are committed to be partners for common development, peace, greater openness and win-win progress entrepreneurship and innovation, inclusiveness and mutual learning.

Ambassador Tan Hung Seng, in his speech, addressed three key questions, namely “how are ASEAN-China relations strong?” “how are they mutually beneficial?” and “how are ASEAN-China relations strategic?” He focused on the achievements of ASEAN-China relationship over the years and concluded by emphasizing that the relationship is strong and multi-facet, mutually beneficial, and of strategic importance.
Ambassador Elizabeth Buensuceso reviewed major dialogue, coordination and cooperation mechanisms involving ASEAN and China, in particular in the three pillar areas of political-security cooperation, economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges. She opined that looking into the future, both sides should further strengthen the strategic partnership and make concerted efforts to contribute to the integration, connectivity, prosperity and sustainable development in the region.

After keynote speeches, other members of the 8th ACC Joint Council (which held a meeting on 26 November 2018 in Chongqing) joined the panel session to share their perspectives on the future of ASEAN-China relations and answer questions raised by the audience. Around 400 students from Chongqing University attended the event. Interactions at the lecture were inspiring and brought a warm atmosphere.

Prior to the lecture, Professor Zhang Zongyi, President of Chongqing University, met with the 8th ACC Joint Council Delegation and exchanged views on education cooperation between Chongqing University and ASEAN countries.

(2) Lecture by Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to China at Zhengzhou University

On 5 June 2019, ACC invited H.E. Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to China, to deliver a lecture at Zhengzhou University under the theme of “ASEAN-China: Strategic Partnership of Good Neighborliness and Mutual Trust”. ACC Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai and Mr. Shi Yongqing, Deputy Inspector of the Foreign Affairs Office of Henan Provincial Government attended the event.

Professor Han Guohe, Vice President of Zhengzhou University, delivered welcome remarks. He stated that Zhengzhou University, rooted in the profound and inclusive culture of the Yellow River, has been pursuing an internationalization strategy with the aim of building a world-class research university. He anticipated that the lecture would help students better understand China-ASEAN relations and provide a valuable platform for Zhengzhou University to expand its exchanges and cooperation with ASEAN countries.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai stressed in his opening remarks that the purpose of holding the lecture series by ASEAN diplomatic envoys was to enhance awareness of college students about ASEAN-China relations and further promote friendship among the peoples. He encouraged students to actively take part in exchanges with ASEAN countries, tell stories of Myanmar-China cooperation, carry on the “Pauk-phaw” friendship, and contribute to building a closer ASEAN-China community of shared future.

In the lecture, Ambassador U Thit Linn Ohn reviewed the founding and evolvement of ASEAN, the building of ASEAN Community and the development of ASEAN-China and Myanmar-China relations. Looking into the future, he opined that ASEAN would deepen cooperation with China and enhance people-to-people exchanges towards a higher level of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Following the lecture, Ambassador U Thit Linn Ohn answered questions raised by the audience on such topics as “the future of ASEAN-China relations” and “the Belt and Road Initiative”. Over 300 students and faculty members attended the event, including ASEAN students at Zhengzhou University. Interactions were inspiring and brought a warm atmosphere.

Prior to the lecture, Professor Niu Shucheng, Party Secretary of Zhengzhou University, met with Mr. Chen Dehai
and Ambassador U Thit Linn Ohn and exchanged views on promoting cooperation between Zhengzhou University and ASEAN countries.

During the visit to Henan Province, Ambassador U Thit Linn Ohn and Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Deputy Governor of Henan Province and Deputy Mayor of Zhengzhou respectively to exchange views on further strengthening cooperation with Myanmar and ASEAN countries.

(3) Lecture by Director of CCRNC and Former Ambassador of China to Brunei Darussalam at Fudan University

On 5 December 2019, Mme. Yang Jian, Director of the Center for China’s Relations with Neighboring Countries (CCRNC) of Fudan University and former Ambassador of China to Brunei Darussalam was invited by ACC to give a lecture entitled “Everybody a Bridge” at Fudan University. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, Mr. Tean Samnang, Consul General of Cambodia in Shanghai, Mr. Loh Tuck Wai, Consul General of Singapore in Shanghai, officials from consulates general of Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and the Philippines in Shanghai, as well as representatives of students and faculty members of Fudan University attended the lecture.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai in his opening remarks said that the 22nd ASEAN-China (10+1) Summit yielded a lot of outcomes, lending new impetus to building a higher-level ASEAN-China strategic partnership and a closer ASEAN-China community with a shared future. People-to-people exchanges have now become a major pillar for the development of ASEAN-China relations. He expressed hope that young students would focus more on the development of ASEAN countries, engage in the friendly exchanges between ASEAN and China, make contributions to building the ASEAN-China community with a shared future and tell stories of friendship between ASEAN and China.

Ambassador Yang Jian elaborated on the vision of a community of a shared future for mankind in her speech, encouraging the younger generation to learn, understand and respect different cultures nurtured by different nations, and contribute to the sound development of ASEAN-China relations and the well-being of all people by making their own efforts to enhance mutual trust and reduce misgivings. Following the speech, Ambassador Yang interacted with the students and answered questions about ASEAN-China trade cooperation and future directions of ASEAN-China relations.
Prior to the lecture, Professor Chen Zhimin, Vice President of Fudan University, met with Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Consul General Tean Samnang and Consul General Loh Tuck Wai, to exchange views on further promoting cooperation with ASEAN countries and ACC.

(4) A Lecture on Cyber Security for AMS Embassies and Media

On 15 October 2019, ACC invited Professor Lin Jingqiang from Institute of Information Engineering of Chinese Academy of Sciences to give a lecture on the theme of “Technology Trends of Cyber Security and the Measures of China”. Diplomats from embassies of Indonesia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Myanmar and Viet Nam and ACC officials attended the event.

Professor Lin analyzed the behaviour characteristics of cyber attacks in recent years, and expounded on the important trends of cyber security in cryptography, system security and network security and enumerated China’s measures in ensuring cyber security. He interacted with the participants on the issues including government’s responsibility to ensure cyber security, prevention of potential cyber hazards and cyber crime, effective protection of personal data security in the 5G era, as well as improving cyber security environment, and strengthening relevant international cooperation.

【 3. Outcomes 】

The Ambassador lectures were successful and warmly welcomed. Interactions were active and such questions as the significance of ASEAN as a regional organization, action plan for ASEAN-China youth exchanges were raised by audience and answered thoroughly by panelists on stage. Feedback from the audience was positive that the lecture provided a good opportunity to better understand ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations. Students commented the lecture as inspiring, saying that they were excited to have this face-to-face opportunity of interaction with ambassadors and that they wished to have future opportunities to know more about ASEAN and contribute to ASEAN-China friendships.

By hosting the Ambassador lectures, the three universities including Chongqing University, Zhengzhou University and Fudan University had a chance to showcase to ASEAN and Chinese ambassadors and ASEAN high-level officials their history and latest developments and to explore potential for expanding cooperation with ASEAN countries.

The lecture on cyber security was well received by ASEAN officials. They found the lecture informative, useful and beneficial. They said the lecture has enhanced their understanding of the development trend and importance of cyber security technology. They hoped to strengthen exchanges and mutual learning with relevant Chinese institutions and experts in the field of cyber security research and development in the future.
Dynamic China: Reporting Trip for ASEAN Media to Explore China

【 1. Background 】

To enhance mutual understanding, friendly exchanges and fruitful collaboration in the information and media sector between ASEAN and China, ACC continued its efforts to promote ASEAN-China media exchanges, and raise awareness among the people about ASEAN-China cooperation and the potentials of joint building of the Belt and Road. ACC has organized trips for ASEAN media to know more about China.

【 2. Activities 】

From 16 to 19 May 2019, the ASEAN media delegation visited China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and Sichuan Province. Mr. Ma Yingjun, Deputy Director General of Publicity Department of Party Committee of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, Mr. Dai Guangju, Deputy Director General of Information Office of Sichuan Provincial People’s Government received the delegation respectively. The delegation also had exchanges with managements of Ningxia University and Ningxia Daily Newspaper Group, and visited Yinchuan Civic Service Centre, Yinchuan Highway and Railway Transportation and Logistic Centre, China Wolfberry Museum, Chengdu International Railway Port and Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Mme. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China International Publishing Group (CIPG) attended the events.

The ASEAN media reporting trip to China is co-hosted by ACC and the State Council Information Office of China, and organized by China Report of CIPG. The delegation consists of 25 senior media practitioners from 18 mainstream media organizations of 10 ASEAN countries. Prior to the trip, the delegation attended 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum held on 14 May and Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations on 15 May in Beijing.

【 3. Outcomes 】

The 5th reporting trip was of higher profile and larger scale than any of the previous four reporting trips. During the trip, the ASEAN journalists visited 10 sites, interviewed local government officials, universities, research institutes and enterprises. They also gave interviews to local Chinese media to share their observations of China’s development in
various areas and what they think the ASEAN countries can draw strength from.

The trip proved to be substantive, informative and resourceful. By 23 May 2019, 18 news reports relating to CDAC and the trip to Ningxia and Sichuan have been released, including 10 articles and 4 TV programs by ASEAN media, and 4 reports by media from Sichuan.

The 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum

【1. Background】

The year 2019 is ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. In order to enhance ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation in the omni-media era, to discuss transformation of media in the new era and stress the role of media in promoting ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership, ACC co-hosted with China International Publishing Group (CIPG) and the Mission of the People’s Republic of China to ASEAN the 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum on 13-14 May 2019. The forum is advised by the State Council Information Office (SCIO) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the People’s Republic of China and was co-organized by China Report Press and supported by the Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies (ACCWS).

The theme of the forum is “New Trends, New Cooperation, New Future”. Two sub-themed sessions were arranged around the topics of “open a new stage for ASEAN-China media cooperation” and “create a new future for media integration”. Media Networking Meeting were also held between ASEAN and Chinese media representatives on both sides’ future cooperation.
ASEAN media management members and journalists from 10 ASEAN Member States, representatives of the embassies of ASEAN Member States in China and ASEAN media in Beijing, together with Chinese officials, journalists, experts, scholars and entrepreneurs attended the event.

【2. Activities】

(1) Welcoming Dinner
On 13 May, the welcoming dinner of the 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum was held at Grand Millennium Beijing Hotel. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai and Ms. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CIPG and President of China Report Press, addressed the reception by welcoming the guests to attend the Forum. Mr. Thepchai Yong, President of Confederation of ASEAN Journalists (CAJ) delivered responding remarks.

(2) The Opening Session of the 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum
On 14 May, the 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum was opened in Beijing. Mr. Guo Weimin, Vice Minister of State Council Information Office (SCIO), Dr. AKP Mochtan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Du Zhanyuan, President of CIPG, Mr. Huang Xilian, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to ASEAN, Mr. Kem Gunawadh, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Information of Cambodia, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China, Mr. U Thit Linn Ohn, Myanmar Ambassador to China, Mr. Jose Santiago Sta. Romana, Philippine Ambassador to China, Mr. Tian Yuhong, Executive Secretary of All-China Journalists Association (ACJA), Ms. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CIPG and President of the China Report Press, Mr. Thepchai Yong, President of CAJ and representatives from government, media, academia, business community of China and ASEAN countries and representatives from international organization, attended the event.

(3) Participants Shared Views on Media Cooperation at Two Panel Sessions
In panel sessions, media management members, journalists and think-tank representatives from China and 10 ASEAN countries, focusing on the two topics of “Open a New Stage for ASEAN-China Media Cooperation” and “Create a New Future for Media Integration”, held in-depth discussions on how the media of two sides can play a greater role in promoting exchanges, cooperation and people-to-people exchanges by keeping up with the new trend brought by new technology. All speakers noted that cooperation is needed more than ever for media from different countries to adapt to the new landscape shaped by new technology. Both sides should step up efforts to advocate the concept of openness, inclusiveness, mutual benefit and win-win results, pay more attention to people’s livelihood, report in a fair and objective manner, spread positive energy, and tell stories of friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation between China and ASEAN countries.

(4) Media Networking Meeting
After the two sessions, the management members and journalists of ASEAN media and representatives from China news organizations participated in the ASEAN-China Media networking meeting. The two sides stated that they should strengthen exchanges and mutual learning, broaden the scope of cooperation, and contribute more to the comprehensive and in-depth development of ASEAN-China relations.

During the forum, interactive promotion activities for China-ASEAN Guest Cities of Honour (Changsha & Chiang Mai) was held as well.

【3. Outcomes】

(1) The forum achieved full success. Its profile, representativeness and influence have been significantly increased, which boosted the forum to form its brand image and effect, and enhanced the confidence of ACC and its co-hosts to build the forum into a regional and long-term media cooperation platform. Its success was mainly manifested in the
following three aspects: **First**, the level of attendance for the forum exceeded that of last year. The position rank of Chinese and ASEAN participants for the forum has been greatly upgraded. The representativeness of ASEAN media has been strengthened. **Second**, the influence of the forum has been enlarged. Five regional international organizations including ASEAN Secretariat, CAJ, AKC, AJC sent representatives to attend the forum. **Third**, the forum was widely reported by ASEAN and Chinese media by various reporting ways including traditional media (newspaper, TV and radio), new media like website, Vlog, and social media (WeChat, Weibo). 41 articles and video stories in total have been published and broadcast. Nearly all of the reports were positive and objective.

(2) The forum vigorously promoted media exchanges and cooperation between China and ASEAN countries. The theme of the forum received positive response from all parties involved, especially media sector. The media of ASEAN countries and China reached consensus on further promoting cooperation, working together to give full play of the role of bridge and bond and jointly meeting the challenge of the development of media integration in the omni-media era.

(3) The forum further raised ACC’s profile among the media of ASEAN and China, and increased the relevant parties’ and public awareness and understanding on ACC’s unique role, influence and efforts in promoting ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation. They expressed wishes to enhance cooperation with ACC in the future and hoped to have more chances to join such kind of activities organized by ACC. Through the forum, ACC further enhanced the cooperative relations with its partners. All parties related worked together closely and established reliable working relationship. These networking resources laid solid foundation for ACC to develop its work in the future.

(4) Building on the success of two previous forums, ACC will continue its efforts to institutionalize the platform of media forum and set up a more stable and smoother channel to better facilitate media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China, closely watch the development of new technology and media forms, make good use of media integration to innovate the exchanges and explore new potential on cooperation and organize more activities on media to strengthen the in-depth and enduring development of ASEAN-China relations.

Diversified ASEAN: Reporting Trip for Chinese Media to Explore ASEAN

**1. Background**

2019 marks the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. With a view to enhancing ASEAN-China media exchange, covering the achievements of ASEAN-China cooperation, and raising the awareness of ASEAN Community building and ASEAN-China relations, ACC organized the 5th Reporting Trip by Chinese media to Brunei and Myanmar from 20 to 26 October 2019. The delegation was composed of 8 journalists from 8 media organizations, namely, Guangming Daily, China Daily, People’s Daily Online, Global Times Online, China Report ASEAN, Harbin Broadcasting & TV Station, Chengdu Daily and Tencent News. The agencies, both nationwide and local, operate both traditional and new media.

**2. Activities**

From 20 to 23 October 2019, the delegation visited Brunei. Dato Dr. Abdul Manaf Metussin, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy of Brunei, Dr. Azman Bin Haji Ahmad, Permanent Secretary of Brunei Ministry of Education, and Mr. Wardi bin Haji Muhammad Ali, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism of Brunei, met with the delegation and gave interviews respectively. Chinese Ambassador to Brunei Ms. Yu Hong gave a written interview, and Charge d’Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Brunei Ms. Ning Bo exchanged views with the
delegation. Representatives from the major media agencies of Brunei held discussions with the Chinese journalists. The delegation also visited Chinese-run enterprises and projects in Brunei, including Hengyi Group, Pure Fresh and Muara Port, and places of interest such as Brunei History Centre, The Royal Regalia Museum and Omar Ali Saifuddien Mosque.

From 23 to 26 October 2019, the delegation visited Myanmar. Mr. U Hau Khan Sum, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department of Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. U Aye Ko Ko, Deputy Director-General of the Policy Department of Myanmar Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. U Thet Swe, Acting Managing Director of the News and Periodical Enterprise of Myanmar Ministry of Information, met with the delegation and gave interviews respectively. Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chen Hai exchanged views with the delegation and gave an interview. The delegation also visited Myanmar Radio and Television and Mizzima Media Group for discussion, listened to the presentation by China Communication Construction Company on China-Myanmar infrastructure cooperation projects, and visited Yangon University where they exchanged views with Chinese students.

【3. Outcomes and Effects】

The delegation visited three cities of two countries in seven days, met with three ministerial and four director-general level officials in charge of foreign affairs, media, finance and economy, tourism and education. They held discussions with major media agencies of two countries, visited four Chinese enterprises and toured around landmark venues, such as pagodas, mosques, history centre, culture and art centre, museums and universities. The trip has helped the Chinese journalists gain a comprehensive understanding and direct experience of the two countries’ economy, society, culture, history, people and their relations with China, and inspired them to write more stories about China-Brunei, China-Myanmar and China-ASEAN relations. A total number of 40 news reports were published by the Chinese media organizations who participated in the trip after the visit.

The trip also explored potential cooperation opportunities for media exchanges in the future. Both Brunei and Myanmar attach great importance to media exchanges and cooperation with China. Competent authorities and media representatives of the two countries gave presentations on their respective development and cooperation with China, and had in-depth exchanges with Chinese journalists on strengthening exchanges and cooperation between media from the two sides and the role of media should play in the development of bilateral relations.

The success of the project has strengthened ACC’s networking and partnership with relevant authorities in the visited countries, which is expected to bring about future cooperation. In the implementation of this project, ACC is also building up a pool of media agencies and media professionals for future work. ACC has mobilized its resources to invite eight journalists from different parts of China to attend the trip with a good balance between the traditional and new media. The wide representation of the journalists in terms of specialty of the journalists and the locality and variety of their agencies manifest the broad network ACC has built up over the years, especially in the field of media.
Strengthening ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation

(1) ACC Held Media Networking Meeting Among Media Officers of AMS Embassies in China, ASEAN Media in Beijing and Chinese Leading Media

On 23 January 2019, ACC held media networking meeting among media officers of AMS Embassies in China, ASEAN media in Beijing and Chinese mainstream media at ACC Secretariat. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Heads of all divisions of ACC, media officers from Embassies of Brunei, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, journalist from the Star of Malaysia, and representatives from Chinese mainstream media, social media, ACC Wechat Service Provider and Communication University of China (CUC), totaling over 40 participants, attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the two sides carried out in-depth exchanges on strengthening media capacity building, jointly coping with the challenges of new media era, establishing direct exchange platform, carrying out media dialogue, promoting the media content to be closer to the people of both sides, enhancing the people-to-people connectivity, giving full play to the roles of new media platforms as Wechat and short video and strengthening image publicity on ASEAN-China relations and ASEAN as a whole. All delegates from ASEAN and China echoed that such communication is crucial for promoting mutual understanding and practical cooperation.

(2) ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai Attended the Opening Ceremony of ASEAN-China Year for Media Exchanges

On 20 February 2019, the opening ceremony of 2019 ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges was held in Beijing. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Thailand’s Prime Minister Prayuth have sent congratulatory letters respectively to the opening.

More than 1,800 people including Mr. Huang Kunming, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the Committee, Mr. Nie Chenxi, Minister of National Radio and
Television Administration (NRTA), Dr. AKP Mochtan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and representatives from government and media of China and ASEAN countries, ASEAN diplomatic envoys to China were invited to attend the opening ceremony.

(3) Established Work Relations with Confederation of ASEAN Journalists (CAJ)

On 15 March 2019, during his business trip to Bangkok, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Thepchai Yong, Chairman of Confederation of ASEAN Journalists (CAJ) and Managing Director of Thai PBS, a mainstream media of Thailand. They exchanged views on how to promote ASEAN-China and Thai-China media exchanges and cooperation, especially in celebration of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges in 2019. After the meeting, SG Chen Dehai made a field tour around newsrooms and media facilities at Thai PBS.

Following the visit, Mr. Thepchai came to Beijing for the 2019 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum held by ACC in May. Mr. Thepchai also expressed keen interest in other activities ACC plans to hold to celebrate ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. Future exchanges and cooperation are to be expected between ACC and CAJ.
(4) Indonesian Delegation Visited ACC

On 11 December 2018, organized by the Chinese Embassy in Indonesia, the “China-Indonesia Discussion on China-ASEAN relations” delegation visited ACC.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC welcomed the delegation and gave a briefing on ACC’s work and priorities for 2019. Director of Education, Culture and Tourism Division Ms. Kong Roatlamang and Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations Division Mr. Wang Zhiquan respectively introduced the work of ACC in related areas. They also had in-depth discussions with the delegation on further strengthening cooperation and promoting ASEAN-China relations. Media representatives from People’s Daily Online, Global Times Online and China Report exchanged views with the delegation on the development trend of media, the current situation and future prospects of cooperation between the two countries. Both sides shared views on seizing the opportunity of the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges in 2019 to further deepen exchanges and cooperation to push forward the sound and sustained development of ASEAN-China relations.

The delegation, headed by Mme. Listyowati, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, was composed of officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, media representatives from VIVA and ANTARA News Agency and faculty member from University of Indonesia. Mme. Listyowati expressed appreciation to ACC for its warm reception and congratulated on ACC’s achievements since its establishment seven years ago. The delegation also visited ACC exhibition hall. An official of Chinese Embassy in Indonesia accompanied the delegation during the visit.

(5) Organized a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and media in Beijing to Visit China Daily

On 27 February 2019, ACC organized a media familiarization trip to China Daily. Officials in charge of media affairs from embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and a journalist from the Star of Malaysia, participated in the trip.

The delegation had a discussion with the management of China Daily and Chinadaily.com.cn. Mr. Wang Zhiquan, Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, said that media cooperation between ASEAN and China enjoys good basis and broad prospects. ACC is committed to making positive efforts to promote in-
depth exchanges and cooperation between media of both sides. Mr. Ratthawoot Nanthaikuakool, First Secretary of Thai Embassy in China, said that as the rotating chair of ASEAN, Thailand will continue to push forward the media cooperation between the two sides under the theme of “advancing partnership for sustainability”. Mr. Wang Hao, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China Daily, warmly welcomed the delegation and thanked ACC for providing an opportunity for communication and exchange, through which he hoped to strengthen cooperation with the ASEAN media counterparts. Mr. Chen Zhiming, Deputy Director of Editor’s Office of China Daily, briefed the delegation on China Daily’s experience in media integration and international communication capacity building. The ASEAN officials had further discussions with China Daily on strengthening content cooperation and participating in relevant offline activities. The delegation also toured around the editor’s hall and exchanged with Chinese and foreign staff of China Daily.

All the participating ASEAN officials and journalist thanked ACC for organizing the trip. They stated that as the national English newspaper, China Daily is among the most influential media in China, and is an important channel for information exchanges between China and the rest of the world. This visit helped them deepen understanding on Chinese media and could lead to more media exchanges and cooperation in the future, thus making greater contributions to the cultural and people-to-people exchanges between China and the ASEAN countries.

(6) Media Delegation from Indonesia and Malaysia Visited ACC

On 21 February 2019, a 13 member media delegation from Indonesia and Malaysia visited ACC upon invitation by China Report and recommendation by Chinese embassies to the aforementioned countries.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC welcomed the delegation and gave a briefing on ACC’s work and priorities for 2019. Mr. Wang Zhiquan, Deputy Director of Information and Public Relations Division, briefed on the work in information and media sector and answered related questions raised by the delegation. The two sides had in-depth discussions on further strengthening information services and promoting media cooperation, and expressed hope to further deepen exchanges and cooperation in the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges.
The delegation also toured around ACC exhibition hall. Officials of Chinese embassies in Indonesia and Malaysia as well as one from Indonesian Embassy in China accompanied the delegation during the visit.

(7) A Joint TV Crew from Indonesia and Brunei Visited ACC

On 12 June 2019, a joint TV crew composed of 8 members from National Television Station of Indonesia and National Television Station of Brunei visited ACC. The TV crew came to China, at the invitation of National Radio and Television Administration of China, to shoot a TV documentary “China Today”. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC met with the TV crew and gave interviews on such topics as ACC’s mandate and work, ASEAN-China relations, the moves taken to highlight the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges, China’s relations with Indonesia and Brunei, Belt and Road cooperation.
(8) Workshop on Micro-video for ASEAN Embassies and Media

On 5 July 2019, ACC held a Micro-video Workshop. Mr. Liu Ning, Editor of Overseas Communication Department of People’s Daily Online and Ms. Morag Hobbs, UK Expert of People’s Daily Online were invited to deliver lectures on how to produce micro-videos. Media officials from embassies of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand as well as ACC officials attended the workshop.

The two experts elaborated on the common types, the planning and filming techniques of micro-video, explained the editing process of micro-video production and gave demonstration on-site. They also answered questions from ASEAN participants.

Officials from AMS embassies in Beijing appreciated that the workshop focused on practical application with clear explanations from the experts, from which they not only learned about the latest trend in information dissemination, but also acquired techniques to do so.

(9) Thai New Media Delegation Visited Shaanxi and Qinghai

From 15 to 20 July 2019, a new media delegation consisting of 9 journalists from Thailand visited Qinghai Province and Shaanxi Province. The delegation was received by Ms. Zhang Li, Vice Governor of Qinghai Province, Mr. Li Bin, Deputy Director General of Publicity Department of CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee and other government officials. The delegation listened to presentations by and had interaction with management of the Administration Bureau of Sanjiangyuan National Nature Reserve and Shaanxi Broadcasting Corporation respectively, and visited the Qinghai Lake National Nature Reserve, Shaanxi History Museum, Qin Shihuang
Terracotta Warriors and Dayan Pagoda. The trip was organized by the China Foreign Languages Publishing Administration, and advised by ACC and the Chinese Embassy in Thailand.

(10) Co-sponsored the 1st ASEAN-China TV Week

During the 16th CAEXPO, ACC co-sponsored the 1st ASEAN-China TV Week in partnership with the National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA) and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Government. Themed on “Sharing new opportunities of ‘Belt and Road’ TV development”, the event was held from 18 to 24 September 2019 in Nanning. It was composed of some major activities including the Opening Ceremony and ASEAN-China Concert of Hit Movie and TV Songs, Special Thematic Session for the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges at the Opening Ceremony of the 16th CAEXPO, Exhibition of ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Achievements, broadcasting of ASEAN-China TV shows as well as ASEAN-China Radio, Television and New Media Forum.

On 20 September 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited the Exhibition of ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Achievements and exchanged views on the organization of activities echoing ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges and further deepening ASEAN-China media cooperation with Ms. Ma Li, Director-General of Department of International Cooperation of NRTA and Ms. Zhang Hong, Director-General of Guangxi Administration of Radio and Television. IPRD Deputy Director Mr. Wang Zhiquan and IPRD Officer Ms. Li Yang were invited to attend other parts of the TV week events, including the Opening Ceremony and ASEAN-China Concert of Hit Movie and TV Songs on 18 September and the ASEAN-China Radio, Television and New Media Forum on behalf of ACC on 21 September.

As one of major activities within the framework of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchange, the 1st ASEAN-China TV Week was one of the featured events held during the 16th CAEXPO. It looked into the path of ASEAN-China TV progress, shared research findings on industrial growth and promoted new products, new technologies and new
applications. It injected new momentum into the all-round cooperation of ASEAN-China TV industry in areas of policy dialogue, content production, platform building and technology sharing. Being one of the co-sponsors of this high-end event, ACC gained visibility through the whole event and its profile was further raised.

(11) Awarded “Excellent Partner” by CIPG

On 30 September 2019, the China International Publishing Group (CIPG) held an awarding ceremony to celebrate its 70th anniversary of founding. Together with another 11 institutes and organizations from China, Japan, ROK, Brazil, Italy, etc., ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) was awarded “Excellent Partner” by CIPG. Mr. Wang Zhiquan, Deputy Director of Information and Public Affairs Division of ACC attended the awarding ceremony and received the award on behalf of ACC.

(12) Organized a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and Journalists Stationed in Beijing to Visit Shaanxi

From 3 to 9 November 2019, ACC organized a familiarization trip for diplomats and journalists from ASEAN Member States stationed in Beijing to visit Shaanxi Province, during which they travelled to four cities, namely, Weinan, Xi’an, Xianyang and Baoji. Headed by Ms. Razida Hanim Binti Abdul Razak, Minister Counsellor of the Malaysia Embassy in China, the delegation includes diplomats from nine embassies of Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as journalists from Viet Nam and Malaysia.

During the visit, Mr. Xu Qifang, Vice Governor of Shaanxi Province and Secretary of Baoji Municipal Committee of the CPC, Mr. Yao Jianhong, Deputy Secretary-General of the Shaanxi Provincial Government, Mr. Li Anjun, Secondary Counsel of Foreign Affairs Office of Shaanxi, Mr. Yang Wumin, Vice Mayor of Weinan City...
and other local government leaders and heads of relevant departments met with the delegation respectively. The
delegation visited the Weinan High-tech Development Zone, Weinan Economic Development Zone, Airport New
City in Xi’an, Qinhan New Town in Xixian New District, Xianyang Culture and Sports Function Area, Caijiapo
Economic Development Zone in Baoji city. They attended the Opening Ceremony of Baoji Culture and Art Centre
and Conference on Development of Baoji Cultural Industry, visited Beiren Printing Machinery company, Zhongken
Dairy company, Enzyme R&D Centre, Huahan Logistics, SF Cold Chain Warehouse, Fast Eaton (Baoji) Light Duty
Transmission company, Xifeng Group and other well-known enterprises. The delegation also visited Xiaozhang
controlled-environment agriculture (CEA) in Weinan and Liuying Folk Village of Fengxiang County in Baoji, toured
Xianyang Public Cultural Centre, Xianyang Olympic Centre, Weinan Intangible Cultural Heritage Exhibition, the
Shaanxi History Museum, the Terracotta Warriors, Baoji Bronze Ware Museum, enjoyed the splendid performance
of Shaanxi Puppet Shadow Play, folk music Huazhou Lao Qiang, a symphony concert in Baoji, and appreciated the
captivating scenery of Mount Hua.

Through the visit, the delegation gained an in-depth understanding of local economic and social development,
especially Shaanxi’s plan to develop three economies, namely, the hub economy, mobile economy and portal economy.
They also came to realize the unique advantages and key areas of development for different cities. The delegation
exchanged views with all parties on expanding friendly exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and Shaanxi
countries in various fields.

This is the second year for ACC to organize a trip of such kind outside Beijing. The event was co-hosted by ACC
and the Shaanxi Foreign Affairs Office, and organized by China Radio International Shaanxi Channel.

(13) A New Media Delegation of Myanmar Ministry of Information Visited ACC

On 18 November 2019, a new media delegation of Myanmar Ministry of Information visited ACC. Secretary-
General Chen Dehai met with the delegation. The two sides exchanged views on the ASEAN-China relations, Myanmar-
China relations, ACC’s work and ways to promote media exchanges and cooperation between Myanmar and China.
Heads of all divisions of ACC and Mr. Li Fusheng, Head of Information and Public Diplomacy Division of the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar were present.

Jointly organized by the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar and China Report Press, the delegation visited China to carry out a series of new media exchanges and training activities.

(14) ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai Attended the Opening Ceremony of CGTN Global Media Summit and CCTV+ Global Video Media Forum 2019

On 4 December 2019, CGTN Global Media Summit and CCTV+ Global Video Media Forum 2019, hosted by China Global Television Network and CCTV Video News Agency, was held in Beijing. Mr. Shen Haixiong, Vice Minister of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee and Secretary of Party Committee & President of China Media Group, Mr. Zheng Bijian, Chairman of China Institute for Innovation and Development Strategy, Mr. Yves Leterme, Former Prime Minister of Belgium, Mr. Oleg Dobrodeev, General Director of All-Russia State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company, attended the opening ceremony among around 400 representatives of different social sectors, including representatives of well-known international media organizations, and experts and scholars from home and abroad. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General attended the event upon invitation and exchanged views with the organizers and other guests.

The summit, with the theme of “Media and Technology”, focused on the new situation and new trends of the global media industry.

(15) Supported “The Thousand Miles on the Silk Road-2019 Amazing ASEAN”

On 19 June 2019, the press conference and launching ceremony of “The Thousand Miles on the Silk Road-2019 Amazing ASEAN” which is jointly advised by International Promotion Bureau of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee (IPBPDCPCCC), International Cooperation Department of National Radio and Television Administration (ICDNRTA), ACC and Publicity Department of the CPC Shaanxi Provincial Committee (PDCPCSPC) and co-hosted by China Intercontinental Communication Center (CICC) and Shaanxi Broadcasting Corporation (SXBC),
was held in Beijing. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, Mr. Ling Li, Deputy Director-General of IPBPDCPCCC, Mr. Yan Chengsheng, Deputy Director-General of ICDNRTA, Mr. Wang Jide, Deputy Director-General of PDCPCSPC, Mr. Jing Shuiqing, Vice President of CICC, Mr. Hu Jintao, President of SXBC, attended the event among 100 participants including officials from embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, media representatives and people from all sectors of society.

On 18 October 2019, the starting ceremony of the event was held at the National Stadium in Beijing. Mr. Ling Li, Deputy Director-General of IPBPDCPCCC, Mr. Ma Chuanxin, Deputy Director-General of PDCPCSPC, Mr. Chen Lujun, President of CICC and Mr. Hu Jintao, President of SXBC, attended the event among 200 participants from business, academic and media sectors. On behalf of ACC, Mr. Wang Zhiquan, Deputy Director of IPRD of ACC attended the event.

On 23 December 2019, the closing ceremony of the event was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Mr. Yang Xin, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of China in Thailand, Her Highness M.L. Premyuda Malakul of Thailand, Mr. Yan Chengsheng, Deputy Director-General of ICDNRTA, Mr. Wang Jide, Deputy Director-General of PDCPCSPC, Mr. Hu Jintao, President of SXBC, Mr. Korn Dabbaransi, former Vice Prime Minister of Thailand and President of Thai-Chinese Association of Friendship, Mr. Chen Zhiguo, Head of Movie & Drama Department, Film & TV Division of CICC, attended the event, along with over 200 representatives of business, media and other sectors from Thailand and China. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, addressed the ceremony.

This Silk Road reporting trip as a grand cross-border all-media reporting trip was a special event held within the framework of the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. The participants involved in the trip traveled through all 10 ASEAN countries via several provinces and autonomous regions in China by multiple means of transportation such as car, plane and ship. The whole journey spanned 30,000 kilometers and lasted 100 days.
(1) ACC Secretary-General Gave Interview to Guangming Daily

On 20 February 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai gave an exclusive interview to Guangming Daily, one of China’s most influential newspapers, in which he reviewed the fruitful outcomes of the development of ASEAN-China relations in recent years, outlined four major opportunities for further advancing people-to-people exchanges, and gave suggestions on what role media from both sides could play to make more contributions to ASEAN-China relations.

In the interview, Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that in the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges in 2019, the role of the media should be given full play to promote people-to-people connectivity. He observed that in recent years, Chinese and ASEAN media have continuously strengthened the frequency, breadth and depth of reporting on each other’s affairs and bilateral relations. Some media have launched “China Special Edition” or “ASEAN Channel”. Being large in number, diverse in form and substantial in content, these reports will help catalyse practical cooperation, spread friendship and forge closer bond between people from the two sides, which will naturally lead to greater development of China-ASEAN relations.

The interview 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.

(2) ACC Promotion Video Clips

On 10 December 2018, ACC launched its first promotion video clips at the reception celebrating the 7th anniversary of the establishment of ACC, with the aim of further raising the profile of ACC and inspiring more people to engage in ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and cooperation. The video clips were produced in cooperation with China Report Press, and are available for download on ACC We-chat account.

(3) ACC Newsletter and Online Social Media

In 2019, ACC issued Newsletters No. 28 to 31 (Winter 2018, Spring, Summer and Autumn 2019) 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 contribute to enhancing trade, investment, tourism, education, culture, information and media cooperation between ASEAN and China. The newsletters could also be downloaded through ACC website and WeChat platform.

(4) VLOG of the Ambassador of the Philippines to China

In order to facilitate the embassies of ASEAN Member States in Beijing to better reach out to the general public in China, in 2019, ACC worked together with the China Network Television (CNTV) to initiate a new project on Ambassador’s VLOG series. With the support from the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines, the pilot VR VLOG was produced successfully for H.E. Mr. Jose S.L. Sta. Romana, the Ambassador of the Philippines to China. It was the first of this kind in China for an Ambassador to shoot a VR VLOG, which distinguished itself from traditional video interviews.

By taking the form of Ambassador’s VLOG, the short video provided a unique perspective to showcase charms of the Philippines and the fruitful outcomes of bilateral relations. The utilisation of VR technology enabled the VLOG product appealing to the netizens, in particular among the younger generation.

This project was an innovation to echo the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges, expected to further raise profile of both the Republic of the Philippines and ACC at home and abroad.

(5) Set up a Booth at the 16th CAEXPO

The 16th CAEXPO was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 21 to 24 September 2019.
With support of the CAEXPO Secretariat, ACC successfully set up a booth at the expo. This marked the seventh year in a row that ACC presents at the CAEXPO.

ACC booth featured ACC’s major functions and showcased its latest achievements in pushing forward ASEAN-China practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media. English-Chinese bilingual materials including publications and videos were presented to the visitors. Interactive activities were also conducted at the booth via new media platforms.

ACC booth attracted numerous visitors to consult and take photos. Well-known Chinese corporations such as the China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC) and the China Pacific Construction Group (CPCG), along with many middle, small and micro-sized enterprises, visited ACC booth to discuss about potential cooperation. ACC booth was also visited and reported by journalists from home and abroad, and covered by the live programme of the China Global Television Network (CGTN). Through ACC booth, visitors acquired a better understanding of ASEAN-China relations.

(6) Interviewed the Ambassador of the Philippines to China

ACC co-operated with Haiwainet.cn of People’s Daily launching an interview project named “Being Ambassador in China”. This interview aimed to share the work and life stories of AMS Ambassadors to the audience in China and overseas and helped promote the mutual understanding and communication between the people from ASEAN and China.

On 24 September 2019, H.E. Mr. Jose S.L. Sta. Romana, the Ambassador of the Philippines to China gave interview to Haiwainet.cn. The relevant report and mini video of the interview were published and issued on the People’s Daily and its website respectively.
The 8th Meeting of ACC Joint Council

The 8th Joint Council Meeting of ACC was held in Chongqing on 26 November 2018. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Tan Hung Seng, Permanent Representative of Singapore to ASEAN, and Mr. Huang Xilian, Ambassador of China to ASEAN. Representatives of ASEAN Member States, ACC Secretariat and ASEAN Secretariat attended the meeting.

Members of the Joint Council highly commended ACC’s tremendous efforts and fruitful achievements in prompting friendly exchanges and cooperation in economic, social, cultural and other related areas in the context of the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. It was hoped that ACC would continue to focus on priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation, strengthen institutional building and increase communication and coordination between China and ASEAN countries in planning and conducting cooperative projects in such areas as trade, investment, education, culture, tourism and media. ACC was also expected to organize more media exchanges and cooperation projects as well as youth training and exchange activities, strengthen its one-stop information function and mobilize resources to raise the influence of ACC, so as to push forward the ASEAN-China cooperation.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked the members of the Joint Council for their long-term and strong support to ACC and himself. He said that ACC would follow the guidance of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030 and seize the opportunity of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges to actively implement important consensus reached by the leaders of both sides, further review the valuable opinions and suggestions raised by the members of the Joint Council, fully tap the resources and potentials of ACC, strengthen information service, research and network building, increase coordination of cooperation projects between the two sides, expand cooperation areas and channels, and substantively push forward friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in various areas.
ACC Joint Council Members Paid Field Visits in Chongqing

From 27 to 28 November 2018, the representatives of the 8th Joint Council (JC) Meeting of ACC paid field visits in Chongqing. The delegation visited China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration of Initiative on Strategic Connectivity Administrative Bureau, Chongqing Liangjiang Digital Economy Industrial Park, Zhubajie Co. Ltd., Haifu Medical Technology Co. Ltd., Chongqing Planning and Exhibition Gallery as well as Dazu Rock Carvings.

The delegation listened carefully to the briefing, and exchanged views on expanding cooperation with relevant parties. By visiting ASEAN-China cooperation project, university, industrial park, enterprises and cultural heritage, the delegation learnt more about the economic and social development of Chongqing and would actively support ASEAN countries in expanding win-win cooperation with Chongqing in a joint effort to elevate the ASEAN-China strategic partnership to a new height.

ACC Secretary-General Attended the SCO Kunming Marathon 2018

From 30 November to 2 December 2018, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Kunming Marathon 2018 and related activities upon invitation. Mr. Rashid Alimov, Secretary-General of SCO, leaders of General Administration of Sport of China, Yunnan Provincial People’s Government and Kunming Municipal People’s Government, national coordinators of SCO Member States and ambassadors or
SCO Kunming Marathon 2018 was the third marathon organized by SCO in Kunming. This event was jointly initiated by SCO Secretariat and Yunnan Provincial People’s Government, organized by Chinese Athletics Association, Yunnan Provincial Sports Bureau, Yunnan Foreign Affairs Office and Kunming Municipal People’s Government. More than 20,000 runners around the world participated in the event.

During his stay in Kunming, Secretary-General Chen Dehai also participated in the 2018 SCO Youth Exchange Programme, the group meeting with Party Secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee and the Appreciation Dinner hosted by SCO. He widely interacted with the distinguished participants, introduced ACC’s work and exchanged views on conducting future cooperation.

On 10 December 2018, ACC held a reception to celebrate its 7th anniversary of establishment. Mr. Wu Jianghao, Director General of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Stanley Loh Ka Leung, Ambassador of Singapore which held the rotating chairmanship of ASEAN, attended the event together with Ambassadors of Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Viet Nam and Pakistan, charge d’affaires of Embassy of Brunei, representatives from embassies of Lao PDR and Thailand among other countries, representatives of international organizations, officials of Chinese government, former Chinese envoys to ASEAN countries, and representatives of relevant countries in China attended the event.
representatives from communities of business, culture, education, tourism, academia and media. Altogether around 400 people were present.

When delivering remarks on behalf of ASEAN, Ambassador Stanley Loh said that ACC had organized numerous activities in the economic, cultural and media fields over the past year, which had been useful in promoting greater awareness of ASEAN in China and supporting deeper mutual understanding, trust and cooperation between ASEAN countries and China. The year 2018 had been an exciting and fruitful year for ASEAN-China relations. The upgrading of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement had taken full effect. Strong progress had been made in the negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement. The ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision Statement 2030 was adopted at the ASEAN-China Summit, which sets out aspirations and direction for the next 15 years of cooperation. To echo the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Innovation, various activities were conducted to promote collaboration in areas such as fintech, e-commerce and smart cities. ASEAN and China also adopted a Joint Statement on Science, Technology and Innovation to boost cooperation. 2019 was designated as the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. It was hoped that ACC would carry out more public diplomacy activities to promote ASEAN-China friendship and cooperation.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked the Chinese and ASEAN communities for their long-term support and assistance to ACC, and reviewed ACC’s accomplishment over the past year to mark the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. He said that the continuous growth of ACC reflects the sound momentum of consolidation and development of ASEAN-China relations and conforms to the continuous progress in regional integration. The 21st ASEAN-China Summit acknowledged the important role and contributions of ACC in promoting trade, investment, tourism, education, culture, media and information cooperation between ASEAN and China. Standing on a new starting point, ACC would forge ahead, under the guidance of the Vision 2030, closely encompass the priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation, push forward the practical cooperation, enhance the people-to-people exchanges, and work with all parties to make new and greater contributions to the continuous development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Director General Wu Jianghao, Ambassador Stanley Loh, Secretary-General Chen Dehai and ambassadors and representatives from ASEAN countries together cut a cake marking the 7th anniversary of the establishment of ACC. At the reception, ACC micro promotional video was launched, congratulatory messages from members of Joint Council and ambassadors of ASEAN countries to China were presented, and the ASEAN Tourism Photo Exhibition was displayed. Actors from Chengdu Associated Theatre of Performing Art staged traditional Chinese opera performance. Students from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Viet Nam performed songs and dances, showcasing cultures of Southeast Asia. All the guests expressed wishes that ASEAN-China relations would continue to move toward a higher level and that ACC would score more achievements in its work.

**ACC Held the 1st JEB Working Group Meeting**

On 1 March 2019, the first Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting of ACC was held at the ACC Secretariat. Representatives from AMS Embassies in Beijing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and the ACC Secretariat attended the meeting. The Meeting shared the Tentative Calendar of Activities of ACC (late November 2018-May 2019). Heads of ACC divisions outlined the progress of each division since the 8th Joint Council Meeting held in November 2018 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 project in 2019. 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.
From 18 to 20 March 2019, ACC organized the delegation of female diplomats from AMS embassies in China to visit Shanxi Province.

On March 18, Mr. Wei Xiaochun, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanxi Provincial People’s Congress met with the delegation. Ms. Patcharawan Wongthai and Ms. Pasupha Chinvarasopak, Minister Counsellors of the Thai Embassy, Ms. Rukmini Tri Setiati, Minister Counsellor of Embassy of Indonesia and female diplomats from the embassies of Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Viet Nam, as well as representatives and officials from Shanxi Provincial People’s Congress and government, and Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC attended the meeting.

Mr. Wei Xiaochun warmly welcomed the delegation to Shanxi. He gave a brief introduction of Shanxi’s economic and social development as well as its achievements of opening-up. Shanxi highly values its exchanges with ASEAN and has conducted good cooperation with the latter in areas of trade and investment as well as people-to-people exchanges. He stressed that Shanxi stands ready to further strengthen the exchanges and cooperation with AMS to achieve mutual benefit and common development under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative. Mr. Wei appreciated ACC’s continuous support to Shanxi and praised ACC’s contributions to the development of ASEAN-China relations. He hoped that ACC would continue to play the bridging role to further exchanges and cooperation between Shanxi and AMS.

Mrs. Patcharawan Wongthai, head of the delegation and the Educational Minister Counsellor of the Thai Embassy, expressed her appreciation to the Shanxi Provincial Government for the considerate arrangement and thanked ACC for organizing the visit. She congratulated on Shanxi’s achievements of social and economic development as well as opening-
up. She believed that the delegates would learn more about Shanxi through the visit and play active roles to expand the friendly cooperation between ASEAN and Shanxi.

The delegation visited the Thermal Power Plant of Gemeng International Energy Co., Ltd (GMIE), and learned about the development of the corporation, its brand culture and international cooperation. They also visited workshops, monitoring room and exhibition hall and exchanged views with staff, through which the delegation got a comprehensive understanding of the achievements of the corporation as well as the whole province of Shanxi in new energy development, energy saving and emission reduction.

The delegation also visited Wutai Mountain and Pingyao Ancient City. They had in-depth exchanges with officials from local foreign affairs offices and experienced Shanxi’s history, customs and traditional culture. The delegation expressed great interests in local tourism development especially its tourism cooperation with ASEAN countries, and explored ways to conduct more exchanges and cooperation in relevant fields.

It was the first time for ACC to organize female diplomats from AMS embassies in China to visit a local province outside Beijing. The delegates expressed readiness to make full use of their influences to promote the cooperation with Shanxi in the fields of trade and investment, tourism, education and culture and enhance the local practical cooperation between ASEAN and China.

ACC Representatives Attended the NACT Group Meeting

On 30 April 2019, a working group meeting on the theme of “Regional Connectivity and Sustainability Connecting
the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025” was held by the Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) in Langkawi Island of Malaysia. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division (GACD) of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) attended the meeting and gave a presentation. She also exchanged views with the scholars from ASEAN countries and China and representatives from international organizations.

The meeting was co-organized by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia and China Foreign Affairs University. Guest speakers shared their countries’ experience of how BRI cooperation benefits prosperity at national and regional level. They all expressed confidence in the broad prospects of ASEAN-China partnership. Ms. Wang Hongliu shared views on connecting the BRI and MPAC 2025. She also briefed on the mandate of ACC and its role in promoting exchanges and deepening cooperation between ASEAN and China. Participants from all sides expressed interest in working with ACC.

ACC Held the 2nd JEB Working Group Meeting

On 31 May 2019, the 2nd JEB Working Group Meeting of ACC was held at the ACC Secretariat. The representatives from the Department of Asian Affairs of Chinese Foreign Ministry and embassies of ASEAN Member States in Beijing attended the meeting. Heads of ACC divisions reviewed the progress of each division’s work since March 2019 and outlined the work plan for the next stage. The JEB members appreciated the series of activities conducted by ACC.
Secretariat since last JEB Working Group Meeting, commended its efforts in promoting cooperation in various fields, and put forward constructive ideas and suggestions on ACC priority projects for the next stage and Work Programme 2020. They pledged full support to and close collaboration with ACC Secretariat as always in hope of making new progress in ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

ACC Organized ASEAN Smart City Study Visit to Nanning and Guangzhou

From 24 to 28 June 2019, ACC organized the Smart City Study Visit to Nanning and Guangzhou, two heading cities in smart city transformation of China, to exchange information and strengthen experience sharing in smart society development. 16 government officials and experts from 6 ASEAN countries, namely Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand joined the programme.

On 25 June, the China-ASEAN Smart City Cooperation & Exchange Conference co-hosted by the Nanning Municipal Government and ACC was successfully held in Nanning. Ms. He Ying, Member of the Standing Committee of Municipal Party Committee and Vice Mayor of Nanning City, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Ms. Zheng Mingmei, Director of Smart Low-carbon City Division of China Center for Urban Development of the National Development and Reform Commission, ASEAN Smart City Visit Delegation and more than 100 government officials and enterprise representatives attended the conference. Themed with ASEAN-China Smart City Cooperation in the Era of Digital Economy, the conference presented and shared achievements and experience in the development of smart city, and discussed the top-level design, government-enterprise interaction and international cooperation in the process of smart city building, to set up an important platform for the mutual learning and practical cooperation in this field. Participants agreed that human society is entering the era of Smart Society step by step, and it is the common issue facing all countries
in the world to promote urban innovation and achieve sustainable development. ASEAN-China relations have stepped into a new stage of all-round development, and with huge cooperation potential in the field of Smart City building. The two sides should go forward hand in hand and bring more benefits to the people of the region.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that the world is undergoing a new round of industrial revolution, characterized by Internet of Things and Smart Technologies. Smart City has become a development trend and sustainable solution for future urbanization. ASEAN and China are good neighbors and partners enjoying geographical proximity and cultural affinity. As developing countries, they can fully exploit the late-development advantages and make greater strides. Both sides share the vision characterized by innovation, coordination, green, open and shared development, adhering to the people-oriented development concept. Smart city cooperation will become another highlight and new driving force to build a closer ASEAN-China community towards a brighter future mapped out in Vision 2030.

After the conference, the delegation of officials from ASEAN countries visited the China-ASEAN Smart City Innovation Center (CASC i-Center) and Nanning Zhongguancun Innovation Demonstration Base.

On 27 June, the delegation visited enterprises in Guangzhou. The delegation first visited China Southern Power Grid Co., Ltd. (CSG). The officials and experts from ASEAN countries showed great interest in the smart grid and expressed readiness to strengthen cooperation with leading Chinese power companies in capacity building, training and technology transfer. CSG said that ASEAN countries as close neighbours of China enjoy favorable geographical location. CSG had set up power plants in Viet Nam and Lao PDR, carried out training programmes of various forms with Viet Nam, Lao PDR and Cambodia and cooperated with ASEAN countries under the framework of Greater Mekong Sub-regional Cooperation and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation. The delegation also visited China-Singapore Knowledge City
and listened to the presentation made by CSG Guangzhou Bureau on smart grid, network integration and automation application in the Smart Community. In the afternoon, the delegation visited Nanfang Hospital of China Southern Medical University. President Li Wenyuan of Nanfang Hospital gave an overview of the Hospital. He said that the Hospital had established sister relations with Bangkok Hospital of Thailand and Pantai Hospital of Malaysia. Its Huiqiao Medical Center had received thousands of patients from Southeast Asia since its inception four decades ago. The Hospital hopes to take medical cooperation as a bond and promote in-depth cooperation between China and ASEAN countries to the benefit of the people in this region. The delegation listened to the briefing on the Hospital’s achievements in internet-plus smart hospital development. The delegation also visited Huiqiao Medical Center and Human Body Museum of China Southern Medical University.

The ASEAN delegation thanked ACC for providing the opportunity for ASEAN countries to learn about China’s progress on smart city development. The visit, with its rich content, deepened their understanding of China’s policies and efforts on smart city development across the board.

**ACC Held the 3rd JEB Working Group Meeting**

On 23 August 2019, the 3rd Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting of ACC was held at the ACC Secretariat. Representatives from AMS Embassies in Beijing, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and ACC
Secretariat attended the meeting. The Meeting shared the Tentative Calendar of Activities of ACC (late November 2018-December 2019). Heads of ACC divisions reviewed the progress of each division since June 2019 and outlined the work plan for the upcoming months. The JEB members appreciated the series of activities conducted by ACC Secretariat since last JEB Working Group Meeting, commended its efforts in promoting cooperation in various fields, and put forward constructive ideas and suggestions on ACC priority projects for the next stage and Work Programme 2020. The meeting also discussed the matter of holding the 2019 JEB meeting. They pledged full support to and close collaboration with ACC Secretariat as always in hope of lifting ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields to a new level.

ACC Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Regional Cooperation Conference on Energy Transition and Climate-resilient Development

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand, in collaboration with the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and the Global Climate Action Initiative (GCAI), jointly convened the ASEAN-China Regional Cooperation Conference on Energy Transition and Climate-resilient Development from 28 to 29 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.
Upon the invitation of the co-organizer Thailand Greenhouse Gas Management Organization, H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, accompanied by officials of GACD, participated in the conference.

On 28 August 2019, H.E. Mr. Varawut Silpa-archa, Minister of Thailand Natural Resources and Environment, H.E. Mr. Xie Zhenhua, China’s Special Representative on Climate Change and Chair of GCAI, H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General and Mr. Li Haiyan, GCAI Secretary-General attended the conference and delivered opening remarks. Mr. Michael Bloomberg, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Climate Action and Co-Chair of GCAI, also sent a congratulatory message through his representative. Other participants included the government officials, technical and policy experts, academia, media, financial institutions, NGOs and entrepreneurs from AMS, China, the US, Britain, Austria, etc.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that the planet Earth is the only home for mankind. All need to join hands to meet common challenges. Adhering to the principle of “Common but differentiated responsibilities”, both developed and developing countries shall fully take their own share and make concerted efforts to tackle the climate-related problems so as to achieve the sustainable development of human society.

There were a series of presentations and panel discussions. It was agreed that all countries are facing the big challenge to synergize the economic growth and environment protection. The developing countries need to enhance self-reliance, capacity building and South-South cooperation so as to jointly implement the Paris Agreement and achieve the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Under similar developing circumstances, ASEAN and China have much potential to explore in the field of climate change which is bound to be another highlight in cooperation.

On 30 August 2019, some delegates including Mr. Xie Zhenhua, government officials from China, Thailand, Myanmar and representatives from ACC, Environment Protection Foundations paid a visit to the Mangrove Forest Research Center located in the coastal city Ranong, Thailand, and conducted a round-table discussion upon Mangrove Forest Protection with local officials and experts.

ACC Secretary-General Attended the ASEAN 52nd Anniversary Symposium

On 26 August 2019, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the ASEAN 52nd Anniversary Symposium organized by the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) and ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) upon invitation. Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of the AJC, Mr. Lee Hyuk, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), ambassadors of ASEAN Member States in Japan, representatives of relevant government departments, enterprises and media from Japan also attended the event.

The theme of the symposium was the active aging in ASEAN. SG Chen Dehai delivered remarks on the opening ceremony of the symposium. He congratulated on the great achievements ASEAN has achieved since its inception, appreciated the important role ASEAN has played in promoting the integration of the region and maintaining regional peace and security. He elaborated his point of views on the situation and challenges of aging in Asia, introduced the relevant policies and practices of China in the aspect and the main responsibilities of ACC as well as the cooperation and exchanges among the ACC, AJC and AKC. SG Chen also expressed that ACC would like to continue close contact with all parties, working together to promote more achievement of the cooperation and exchanges in the region as well as the sustainable development in Asia, to benefit the people in the region.

Upon the invitation, SG Chen attended the ASEAN Study Group Meeting after the symposium.
ACC Representatives Attended the 3rd China-Mongolia Expo

From 6 to 10 September 2019, the 3rd China-Mongolia Expo was held in Ulanqab and Hohhot City of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, China. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) attended the Expo upon invitation.

On 5 September 2019, H.E. Mr. Li Jiheng, Party Secretary of CPC Inner Mongolia met with the delegation. On 6 September 2019, the opening ceremony of the 3rd China-Mongolia Expo was held at the Ulanqab Conference Center. The ceremony was hosted by H.E. Mme. Bu Xiaolin, Chairperson of the People’s Government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. H.E. Mr. Padma Choling, Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of China and H.E. Mr. Enkhtuvshin, Vice Prime Minister of Mongolia made the keynote speeches. Nearly 700 participants were present at the ceremony including government officials, entrepreneurs, Chambers of Commerce, Diplomatic Corps and media from China, Mongolia, Russia, Japan, Korea, Israel and Singapore.

During the visit, the delegation also attended International Forum on Cashmere Industry Development, visited the Big Data Center of Ulanqab, Inner Mongolia Mengniu Dairy Group, M•Grass Company and Inner Mongolia Museum.
On 26-27 September 2019, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended the 2019 World Canal Cities Forum & World Canals Conference as well as the opening ceremony of the Canal Culture Carnival upon invitation in Yangzhou City, Jiangsu Province of China.

The 2019 World Canal Cities Forum & World Canals Conference, with the theme of “the Preservation, Inheritance and Utilization of Canal Culture”, was co-hosted by the Office of Jiangsu Provincial Leading Group for Grand Canal Cultural Belt Construction, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism and Yangzhou Municipal People’s Government. Representatives from canal cities and international organizations, specialists, scholars, entrepreneurs and media in the relevant field around the world, totally more than 500 attendees participated in the event. Governor of Jiangsu Province Wu Zhenglong, Chinese Minister of Culture and Tourism Luo Shugang, former President of Panama Juan Carlos Varela and President of Inland Waterway International Organization (IWI) David Edwards-May attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. President of the Institute of Gugong Studies Shan Jixiang, Vice Mayor of Leipzig Hoerning Ulrich, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of Hangzhou Municipal People’s Congress Zhang Jianting, and Vice Mayor of Jining Municipal People’s Government Wu Jiwen also delivered speeches on the ceremony.
As an active supporter to the 2019 World Canal Cities Forum, ACC invited representatives from ASEAN countries to attend the Forum.

**ACC Held 2019 Joint Executive Board Meeting and Visited Meishan City**

On 10 October 2019, the 2019 Joint Executive Board (JEB) Meeting of ACC was held in Meishan City, Sichuan Province. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Mongkol Visitstump, Chargé d’affaires of the Royal Thai Embassy in China, on behalf of the rotating chair of ASEAN and Mme. Mao Ning, Deputy Director-General of Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Attendees included Ambassador Myo Thant Pe of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Ambassador Mr. Raja Dato Nushirwan Bin Zainal Abidin of Malaysia to China, representatives from the other ASEAN Member States embassies, members of JEB China council, and officials of the ACC Secretariat.

The JEB members highly commended ACC’s great efforts and achievements in promoting friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism, information and media to echo the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges. All members expected that ACC would continue to play the key bridging role, follow the “ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030” and perfect the Work Programme 2020 to echo the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, so as to make new contributions to the development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai expressed appreciation to the JEB members for their long-standing support and contribution of new thoughts, new ideas and new suggestions to the work of ACC Secretariat. He said that ACC would continue to actively implement the important consensus reached by leaders of ASEAN Member States and China, and
strive for solid progress of friendly exchanges and practical cooperation in areas of common interests. By maintaining close contacts with the JEB members, the ACC Secretariat would press ahead to play an even bigger role in deepening ASEAN-China relations.

The JEB members listened to the work report of ACC since the previous JEB meeting, and deliberated on the ACC Draft Annual Report of 2019, ACC Draft Work Programme of 2020, Draft Proposed Budget of 2020 and other related matters. The above-mentioned documents would be submitted to the 2019 Joint Council Meeting of ACC for further consideration.

From 10 to 12 September, the JEB members listened to briefings on the development of economy, trade, culture and tourism in Meishan City, visited the Agricultural Science and Technology Park, Sansu Memorial Museum, China Bamboo Weaving Art Museum, Liujiang Ancient Town and Mount E’mei, and had extensive exchanges with the municipal governments of Meishan City and Leshan City, with a view to better understanding the history, culture, social and economic development of Sichuan Province.

**ACC Attended the 11th “Love Knows No Border” International Charity Sale**

On October 27, 2019, ACC participated in the 11th “Love Knows No Border” International Charity Sale, held at the National Stadium. This International Charity Sale was initiated by Mme. Qian Wei, wife of State Councilor and Foreign Minister Mr. Wang Yi, with the theme of “Love Knows No Border-Love for Growth”. For the charity sale, ACC prepared Southeast Asian characteristic agricultural products and handicrafts, which were quickly snapped up.
Over 7.1 million yuan was raised in the event, and the proceeds would be used for building new playgrounds for schools in Jinping County and Malipo County in Yunnan Province through China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation.

Symposium on Vitalizing and Booming ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges was Held Successfully

On 9 November 2019, the Symposium on Vitalizing and Booming ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges, co-hosted by the ACC and Shanghai International Studies University (SISU), was held in SISU, Shanghai.

Around 100 people attended the event, including Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Li Yansong, President of SISU, Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Ambassador of Myanmar to China, Mr. Loh Tuck Wai, Consul-General of Singapore to Shanghai, Mr. Ning Thanh Cong, Consul-General of Viet Nam to Shanghai and other representatives from embassies and consulates-general of AMS in China, university experts and students, and representatives of NGO and media from AMS and China.

In his remarks at the Opening Ceremony of the Symposium, Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that the people-to-people exchanges including the communication and mutual learning among the youth have become one of the important
pillars of the ASEAN-China relations. Young people should carry out more extensive and deeper exchanges, enhance friendship and cooperation, and lay a more solid foundation of public for the sustainable and healthy development of ASEAN-China relations and the realization of the China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership Vision 2030.

President Li Yansong said that the Symposium was one of the important events for celebrating the 70th Anniversary of SISU, and it was expected to enhance mutual understanding between China and ASEAN, promote academic exchanges and give a full play to the role of the young people in promoting China-ASEAN friendly cooperation.

Ambassador Myo Thant Pe highly commended the important role of ACC in promoting the ASEAN-China people-to-people exchanges, and expected that the Symposium could contribute wisdom to deepening youth exchanges in East Asia.

After the opening ceremony, themed on “Enhance the Role of Youth in ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges”, “Harness Technology and Innovation for Social and Culture Cooperation between ASEAN and China”, and “the Role of NGOs in Promoting ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges”, the sub-forums held extensive and in-depth discussions on topics such as strengthening connectivity, BRI cooperation, and cultural communication. Participants benefited from comments given by experts on-site and interactions between teachers and students. Based on personal experiences and academic research results, students from ASEAN and China all agreed that promoting people-to-people exchanges is in line with the general trend of the times and of the development of ASEAN-China relations, and is the universal aspiration of the people from both sides. All parties should seize the opportunity to build more bridges for people-to-people exchanges by thinking creatively, aligning strategies and producing substantial results.

During the Symposium, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with President of SISU Mr. Li Yansong, and exchanged views on enhancing cooperation between ACC and SISU. Secretary-General Chen Dehai also had extensive exchanges with representatives of embassies and consulates-general of AMS in China as well as university experts and students from ASEAN and China, and discussed ways to further strengthen ASEAN-China relations and deepen cooperation.
ACC Held Reception Celebrating the Eighth Anniversary of its Establishment

On 29 November 2019, ACC held a reception to celebrate its 8th anniversary of establishment in Beijing. Mr. Chen Xiaodong, Assistant Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Du Zhanyuan, President of China International Publishing Group and Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand attended the event together with diplomatic envoys of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam and other countries, representatives of international organizations, officials from central, provincial and municipal governments of China, former Chinese envoys to ASEAN countries, and representatives from communities of business, culture, education, tourism, academics and media. Altogether, around 400 people were present.

Assistant Minister Chen Xiaodong commended the fruitful outcomes that ACC achieved in ASEAN-China relations. Over the past eight years, ACC had gone from strength to strength and played an important role in deepening mutual understanding, mutual trust and cooperation between China and ASEAN. He hoped that ACC, with its unique strengths, would continue to serve as an envoy for people-to-people friendship and a bridge and platform for amiable and win-win cooperation, and make greater contributions to the building of ASEAN-China strategic partnership at a higher level. As the host country, the Chinese government would continue to support ACC in carrying out its duties.

In delivering remarks on behalf of the ASEAN side, Ambassador Arthayudh Srisamoot applauded ACC’s active role as an important mechanism that helps promote the continuous development of the ASEAN-China strategic partnership. He said that in 2019, the implementation of 23 flagship projects and more than 100 activities were a good example of
constructive role of ACC in its effort to raise awareness of ASEAN among the Chinese and vice versa through practical cooperation in wide areas and build closer ties and mutual understanding among ASEAN-China people. He would like to see ACC play a bigger role in promoting win-win cooperation between ASEAN and China. He said that Thailand and other ASEAN countries would continue to render their strong support to ACC.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked the Chinese and ASEAN governments and all social sectors for their long-term support and assistance to ACC, and reviewed ACC’s accomplishment in celebrating the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges and promoting ASEAN-China trade and economic and people-to-people exchanges and cooperation. He stated that the all-round development of ASEAN-China relations not only benefits the two billion people on both sides, but also serves as the cornerstone, driving force and guarantee for regional stability and prosperity. The 22nd ASEAN-China Summit yielded a series of fruitful results. The two sides issued a number of outcome documents on synergizing the MPAC 2025 and the BRI, expanding media exchanges, advancing smart cities cooperation and so on. This had injected new impetus into building a higher-level ASEAN-China strategic partnership and a closer ASEAN-China community with a shared future. ASEAN-China relations are embracing an even brighter tomorrow. Looking to the future, ACC would closely follow the trend of ASEAN-China relations, and work with all parties to make greater contributions to the development of ASEAN-China relations.

Assistant Minister Chen Xiaodong, Ambassador Arthayudh Srisamoot, Secretary-General Chen Dehai, President Du Zhanyuan and representatives from ASEAN countries cut together a cake marking the 8th anniversary of the establishment of ACC. At the reception, ACC micro promotional video was played. Students from Guangxi Arts University performed Chinese and Southeast Asian songs and dances, adding a festive atmosphere to the reception. All the guests expressed good wishes that ASEAN-China relations would continue to move toward a higher level and that ACC would score more achievements in its work in the coming year.
1. Maintained Close Exchange Visits with Governments of ASEAN Member States

ACC maintained close contacts with AMS governments and conducted regular exchange visits. In 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai called on or met with many government officials of ASEAN countries, and exchanged views on promoting the development of ASEAN-China relations.

On 16 January 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. U Ohn Maung, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, while attending the 38th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) at Ha Long City, Viet Nam. On 29 March 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. HOR Monirath, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Tourism of the Kingdom of Cambodia in Xi’an City, Shaanxi Province, and then Dr. THONG Khon, Minister of Tourism of Kingdom of Cambodia, paid a visit to ACC on 17 May 2019 and exchanged views with Secretary-General Chen Dehai on further deepening tourism cooperation between Cambodia and China. From 20 to 26 October 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai led a Chinese media delegation to visit Brunei and Myanmar respectively, and met with officials from departments of finance and economy, education, tourism and media of two countries and exchanged in-depth views.

AMS also sent delegations of government officials to visit ACC or participated in relevant activities organized by ACC. On 30 May 2019, the delegation of diplomats from Myanmar visited ACC, and on 18 November 2019, a new media delegation of Myanmar Ministry of Information visited ACC and met with Secretary-General Chen Dehai, taking these opportunities that two sides exchanged views on issues of ASEAN-China relations, China-Myanmar bilateral ties and regional cooperation. On 24 September 2019, the delegation of diplomats from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines visited ACC. The two sides exchanged views on ACC’s work and mandate, ASEAN-China and Philippines-China relations and cooperation in various fields such as capacity building, trade and investment.

2. Maintained Close Ties with Embassies of ASEAN Member States

ACC maintained close contacts with the Embassies and Consulates-General of AMS in China, kept informed of the latest needs of ASEAN and considered its advice on ACC’s work. In 2019, besides communicating with Ambassadors of AMS in China on different occasions, Secretary-General Chen Dehai successively met with ambassadors and consuls from Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar, Indonesia, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Brunei in China to discuss ways to further promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation.

In 2019, ACC organized the officials from the Embassies of AMS in China to visit Chinese high-tech enterprises, media organizations and local governments, and held relevant activities. On 22 January 2019, ACC organized senior officials from AMS Embassies in China to visit China Electronics Technology Corporation (CETC) International Co. Ltd. On 27 February 2019, ACC organized a Media Familiarization Trip to China Daily. Officials in charge of media affairs from the embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand
and Viet Nam, and a journalist from the Star of Malaysia, participated in the event. From 18 to 20 March 2019, ACC organized the delegation of female diplomats from Embassies of AMS in China to visit Shanxi Province. On 7 May 2019, ACC organized officials from the embassies and consulates-general of Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam in China to visit the iFLYTEC CO., LTD. From 3 to 9 November 2019, ACC organized the diplomats from nine embassies of Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and journalists from Viet Nam and Malaysia to visit Shaanxi Province.

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

ACC kept close communication with the embassies and consulates general of China in AMS and made joint efforts to further promote ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation. In 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Chinese Ambassadors to Brunei and Myanmar, and the Chinese Embassies in Indonesia and Malaysia also organized delegations to visit the ACC Secretariat.

4. Strengthened Exchanges with Local Governments

ACC continued to strengthen ties and coordination with local governments of China to jointly promote the local-level exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in various fields. In 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with leading officials of Sichuan, Hainan, Henan, Yunnan, Guizhou, Anhui, Jiangxi, Hubei, Shaanxi Provinces and Chongqing City as well as cities including Chengdu, Harbin, Yibin, Dezhou, Zhengzhou, Nanning, Kunming, Guiyang, Meishan, Leshan and Xi’an. They exchanged views on further advancing local cooperation between ASEAN and China.

ACC and ASEAN Secretariat

ACC kept close ties with the ASEAN Secretariat. On 14 January 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai called on Mr. A.K.P. Mochtan, Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat, to exchange views on strengthening exchanges
and contacts between ACC and the ASEAN Secretariat and jointly promoting practical cooperation between ASEAN and China. Then, three Deputy Secretary Generals of ASEAN, Mr. Kung Phoak, Dr. Aladdin Rillo, and Mr. A.K.P. Mochtan successively visited the ACC Secretariat in 2019.

**Exchanges among Secretariats of ACC, AJC and AKC**

ACC maintained good cooperation with the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) and ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC) in support of 10+3 cooperation. In 2019 ACC participated in two informal meetings among the Secretaries-General of ACC, AJC and AKC. On 18 January 2019, ACC participated the 12th informal meeting among the Secretaries-General in Ha
Long, Viet Nam. From 14 to 16 April 2019, ACC attended the 13th informal meeting held in Hiroshima, Japan. During these informal meetings, the three Centres shared information on the progress of each other’s major work, proposed cooperative projects open for the other Centres’ engagement, and explored possibility of carrying out joint projects, which enhanced exchanges and mutual learning. On 14 June 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai was invited to attend the opening ceremony of ASEAN Week 2019 hosted by AKC in Seoul, ROK. Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited AKC along with Secretary-General Masataka Fujita of AJC to exchange views on cooperation among the three centres. From 14 to 19 October 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai was invited to attend the ASEAN-Korea Train: Advancing Together program organized by AKC, and travelled with AJC Secretary-General Mr. Masataka Fujita and other distinguished guests from ASEAN Member States on board the train from Seoul to the main cities of ROK, and participated in various promotion and exchange activities.

ACC and Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS)

ACC has built good relationship with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS). On November 27, 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Michigami Hisashi, Secretary-General of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat among the Governments of the People’s Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (TCS). The two sides exchanged views on the work of ACC and the cooperation and exchanges between ACC and TCS. Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director the General Affairs and Coordination Division, Mr. Wang Zhiquan, Deputy Director of the Information and Public Relations Division as well as Ms. Cao Jing and Mr. Kang Do Ho, deputy secretaries general of TCS attended the meeting.

ACC and Boao Forum for Asia

From 26 to 29 March 2019, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended Boao Forum For Asia Annual Conference held in Boao, Hainan Province. On 28 March 2019, Secretary-General Chen Dehai was present in the opening ceremony, and together with Mr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Amjad Hussain B. Sial, Secretary-General of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Mr. Lee Jong-heon, Secretary-General of Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), Mr. Bundit Limschoon, Secretary-General of Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), Mr. Nurlan Akkoshkarov, Deputy Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), as well as other heads of international organizations and regional scholars, SG Chen Dehai participated in the Round-table on Asian Regional Cooperation Organizations and made the remark. He interacted with the participants, briefed on ACC’s efforts to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation and exchanged views upon further advancing regional cooperation in various fields.
# 2019 Calendar of Activities of the ASEAN-China Centre

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<td>Launched ACC Promotion Video Clips</td>
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<td>Held the 7th Anniversary Reception of ACC</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the 7th International Clean Energy Forum (Macao)</td>
<td>Macao</td>
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<td>Supported the 2nd ASEAN-China Forum for Private Higher Education Development and Cooperation</td>
<td>Sanya, Hainan</td>
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<td>Released <em>2017 ASEAN &amp; China in Figures</em></td>
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<td>Attended the 2nd ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneur Forum</td>
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<td>20-22</td>
<td>TID’s working visit to Viet Nam to Prepare for the Innovation Leading Development: 2019 ASEAN-China Intelligent Industry Conference</td>
<td>Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the 2019 New Year’s Gala for ASEAN and Chinese University Students</td>
<td>Chengdu, Sichuan</td>
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<td>Attended the 35th China Harbin International Ice&amp;Snow Festival</td>
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<td>5-Feb. 20</td>
<td>Co-hosted the “Buddhist of Myanmar---The Art Exhibition of Myanmar Landscape by Chinese Artists 2019”</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Dialogue on Jointly Building the New International Land and Sea Trade Corridor</td>
<td>Chongqing</td>
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<td>Attended the 43rd EABC Meeting</td>
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<td>Attended the Launching Ceremony of Documentary Dan’s Way-Indonesia</td>
<td>Jakarta, Indonesia</td>
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<td>Attended the 38th ASEAN Tourism Forum 2019</td>
<td>Ha Long, Viet Nam</td>
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<td>The 12th Informal Meeting among Secretaries General of ACC, ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC) and ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC)</td>
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<td>Organized a Field Visit to CETC International</td>
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<td>Organized Networking Meeting for the Media Officials of ASEAN Embassies and ASEAN &amp; Chinese Media</td>
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<td>Completed Research on the Topic of Connecting the Connectivities</td>
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<td>SG Gave an Interview to Guangming Daily</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>Organized a Familiarization Trip to Chinese Media by ASEAN Media Officials and ASEAN Media in China</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Press Conference for 2019 South Asia-Southeast Asia Commodity Fair</td>
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<td>Attended the Investment Cooperation Working Meeting on 16th China-ASEAN Expo</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>Attended the Launching Ceremony of “Keywords to Understand China” and Related Activities</td>
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<td>SG Met with CAJ President</td>
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<td>18-20</td>
<td>Organized the Female Diplomats From ASEAN Embassies in Beijing Visit Shanxi Province</td>
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<td>Attended the Philippine Economic Briefing</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the Lancang-Mekong Dialogue--Yibin Education Cooperation Forum</td>
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<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of 2019 Shenzhen Belt and Road International Music Festival</td>
<td>Shenzhen, Guangdong</td>
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<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of Xi’an 2019 East Asian City of Culture</td>
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<td>Attended the 44th EABC Meeting</td>
<td>Tokyo, Japan</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference</td>
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<td>Attended the Xi’an Silk Road International Tourism Expo 2019</td>
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<td>SG Attended the ASEAN-China (Dezhou) Economic and Trade Conference</td>
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<td>The 13th Informal Meeting among Secretaries General of ACC, AJC and AKC</td>
<td>Hiroshima, Japan</td>
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<td>Working Visit to Anhui and Jiangxi Province for the Promotion of ASEAN-China (Anhui/Jiangxi) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar</td>
<td>Hefei, Anhui / Nanchang, Jiangxi</td>
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<td>Supported the Forum on Documentary Videos and Technical Progress</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>23-25</td>
<td>Attended the China-ASEAN 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programs-Leadership Training Workshop</td>
<td>Hangzhou, Zhejiang</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Policy Coordination Sub-forum of the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation</td>
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<td>Supported the 2nd “Belt and Road” Forum for Education Cooperation with ASEAN Countries</td>
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<td>Attended the Preparatory Meeting of the 25th China Lanzhou Investment and Trade Fair</td>
<td>Lanzhou, Gansu</td>
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<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of “2019 Thai Festival Week In Chongqing”</td>
<td>Chongqing</td>
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<td>Attended the NACT Working Group Meeting</td>
<td>Langkawi, Malaysia</td>
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<td>Attended the 8th ASEAN+3 Village Officials Exchange Project</td>
<td>Yunnan</td>
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<td>Organized a Field Visit to IFLYTEK</td>
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<td>Participated in Huanggang Cultural and Tourism Promotion Events</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the ASEAN-China (Anhui/Jiangxi) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar</td>
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<td>Organized the 2nd ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum</td>
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<td>SG Met with H.E. Dr. AKP Mochtan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN</td>
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<td>Attended the 10th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire &amp; Auto Accessory Exhibition and co-hosted the China (Dongying)-ASEAN Rubber Tire and Auto Parts Industry and Investment Summit</td>
<td>Guangrao, Shandong</td>
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<td>Attended the 14th Thai Festival Week and the Opening of the Asian Food Festival and the Thai Food Festival in Chengdu</td>
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<td>Participated in Asian Culture and Tourism Exhibition</td>
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<td>Organized the ASEAN Media Reporting Trip to China</td>
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<td>17-3 June</td>
<td>Co-organized the 4th ASEAN Gourmet Festival: the Harmony of Amazing Thai Flavours</td>
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<td>Attended the Thai Festival</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Expert Meeting on China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity</td>
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<td>Attended the China-Japan-Korea Belt and Road Business Conference</td>
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<td>Attended the 2019 China International Big Data Industry Expo</td>
<td>Guiyang, Guizhou</td>
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<td>Attended the GMS Tourism Working Group Meeting and Mekong Tourism Forum</td>
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<td>Attended the 4th China-ASEAN Youth Entrepreneurs Belt and Road Economic and Trade Cooperation Activity</td>
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<td>Co-organized the Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guide Teachers with Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia</td>
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<td>Attended the China (Beijing) International Fair for Trade in Services</td>
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<td>Attended the 7th ACC-SEAMEO-GPDE(CAECW) Tripartite Meeting</td>
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<td>Hosted Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations at Zhengzhou University</td>
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<td>Co-organized One-Day Tourism Seminar on “China-Ready” with Ministry of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar</td>
<td>Mandalay, Myanmar</td>
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<td>10-13</td>
<td>Supported the Yunnan-South Asia &amp; Southeast Asia Tourism Vocational Education and Personnel Training International Exchange and Cooperation Forum</td>
<td>Kunming, Yunnan</td>
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<td>A Joint TV Crew from Indonesia and Brunei Visited ACC</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the 2019 South &amp; Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair and the 3rd China-Southeast Asia Business Forum</td>
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<td>Attended the ASEAN Week hosted by AKC</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Press Conference and Launching Ceremony of “the Thousand Miles on the Silk Road-2019 Amazing ASEAN”</td>
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<td>Supported the 3rd Annual Assembly of China-ASEAN Tourism Education Alliance &amp; International Forum on China-ASEAN Tourism Education 2019</td>
<td>Jakarta, Indonesia</td>
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<td>Attended the 1st Forum on China Pilot Free Trade Zones Development</td>
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<td>Organized the ASEAN Smart City Study Visit</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi/ Guangzhou, Guangdong</td>
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<td>Attended the 10th Conference on Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools</td>
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<td>Attended the 13th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction</td>
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<td>Field Visit to Guangzhou Panyu Polytechnic</td>
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<td>Co-organized One-Day Tourism Seminar on “China-Ready” with Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand</td>
<td>Bangkok, Thailand</td>
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<td>ASEAN-China (Gansu) Trade and Investment Promotion Seminar</td>
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<td>Sponsored Chinese university students to participate in the 2019 ASEAN-Korea</td>
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<td>Attended the 50th ASEAN NTOs Meeting and 35th ASEAN Plus Three NTOs Meeting</td>
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<td>Joined the Thai New Media Delegation’s Reporting Trip to Shaanxi and Qinghai</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of</td>
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<td>Successful Cooperative Programmes during the 12th CAECW</td>
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<td>Attended the SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (CDM) 2019</td>
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<td>Co-hosted Conference of ASEAN-China Cooperation on Energy Transition and Climate-resilient Development</td>
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<td>Supported the 6th Sichuan International Tourism Expo (Leshan) and Co-organized the 3rd ASEAN-China Tourism Festival</td>
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<td>SG Attended the 16th China-ASEAN Expo and the 16th China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit</td>
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<td>Met with Mr. Wang Zuoshu, President of the China Association for Non-Government Education</td>
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<td>27-29</td>
<td>Attended the 2nd General Assembly of ASEAN-China Arts Colleges Alliance (ACACA) and the 4th Round Table Meeting of the Heads of China-ASEAN Art Colleges</td>
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<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd China-ASEAN University Students’ Culture Week and the 2019 (20th) Hainan Island Carnival</td>
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<td>Attended the 42nd Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) High Officials Meeting (HOM)</td>
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<td>Held the 8th Anniversary Reception of ACC</td>
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<td>Supported the 13th 10+3 Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resource Development</td>
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<td>11-12</td>
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<td>13-22</td>
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<td>Participated in the Delegation of China Soong Ching Ling Foundation Visiting Shandong Province in preparation of the “Soong Ching Ling Cup” China-ASEAN Youth Football Friendly Matches</td>
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**Whole Year Activities**

- Collection of ASEAN Short Stories and Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals | ECTD (C)
- Updated ASEAN-China Youth Activities on the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges | ECTD (C)
- Supported the Production of Documentary Dan’s Way | ECTD (C)
- Compiled ACC Newsletters Quarterly | ACC Secretariat IPRD