

AGREEMENT

On Scientific Cooperation between the Federal State Budgetary Institution of Science Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences and Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences

The Federal State Budgetary Institution of Science “Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering”, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences (IEIE SB RAS) and the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGSNRR CAS), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, recognizing the importance of the scientific cooperation in interests of both institutes and expressing aspiration to carry out it, with the aim of the development and strengthening the relationship of scientific cooperation, based on principles of equality and mutual support, have agreed on the following.

1. Aims and Objectives of the Agreement

The aim of this Agreement is to extend Russian–Chinese cooperation and strengthen various relations in economic, geographic, and social studies, as well as assist the practice of scientific advancements in the fields of mutual interests.

The major objectives of the Agreement are to create favorable conditions for sharing new ideas and information, to organize joint scientific research on mutually beneficial terms within the framework of negotiated priority directions and programs.

In establishing scientific cooperation, special focus shall be on the scientific cooperation between young scientists and specialists.

2. Subjects of the Agreement

The Parties will develop and strengthen mutual scientific and applied research cooperation in the following fields:

2.1 Researching, analyzing, and forecasting the development of adjacent Russian and Chinese macro-regions (Siberia and the Far East in Russia, northern and north-eastern provinces and autonomous regions in China) within the context of reinforcing their integration linkages and cross-border cooperation. Preparing proposals on the coordination of the countries’ regional policies from the perspective of strengthening mutually beneficial Russian–Chinese cooperation.

2.2. Researching, analyzing, and forecasting the cooperation between Russia and China in natural resources development and effective land use in compliance with environmental safety requirements. Preparing proposals on the improvement of Russian–Chinese relations regarding the countries’ energy policies and cooperation for the development of the oil and gas sector.

2.3. Researching, analyzing, and forecasting the impact of projects for constructing

new transport corridors (including the ones in the Belt and Road mega-project) on the development of adjacent macro-regions in Russia and China.

2.4. Researching, analyzing, and forecasting social aspects of the interaction and economic cooperation between Russia and China (including the issues of the countries' social policies implemented in their adjacent macro-regions and migration policy issues, assessment of investment environment, trade and industrial collaborative directions and potentiality along China-Russia-Mongolia Economic Corridor).

2.5 Green development and green economy research, including eco-city, eco-industry, and smart region planning.

2.6 Personnel training and student exchange (including through the involvement of the Economic Faculty at Novosibirsk National Research State University).

3. Terms of Cooperation

3.1. An integral part of the Agreement is the joint Working Program for each field of scientific cooperation. The Working Program will be specified, agreed upon, and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. The Parties include the obligations under this Agreement and the Working Program in plans of scientific research and organizational activity of their establishments.

3.2. The Parties exchange scientific information and documents, obtained from research, in accordance with the Working Program of cooperation on mutually agreed terms.

3.3. The results of work performed during the year are presented and evaluated by experts annually.

3.4. The Parties export and import reports, manuscripts, joint publications, etc. to Russia and China, necessary for collaborative research, testing, and drawing joint conclusions under this Agreement, which must be issued by competent authorities in Russia and China.

3.5. For the timely and qualitative accomplishment of planned activities, the Parties consider it necessary to provide annual visit of experts to conduct joint experimental and theoretical works, write publications, and prepare reports.

3.6. Scientific achievements and economic benefits resulting from joint research under this Agreement, including intellectual property rights, know-how, and copyrights, are distributed between the Parties in accordance with the existing laws of both countries by mutual agreement. The results of scientific research obtained during the cooperation under this Agreement are the common heritage of both Parties; the Parties have equal rights to use these results.

4. Duties of the Parties

4.1. Providing mutual support in personnel training through consultation, internship, postgraduate studies, and doctoral research.

- 4.2. Holding joint conferences, meetings, and seminars in Russia and China.
- 4.3. Publishing joint research results in joint monographs and international journals.
- 4.4. Exchanging information on joint works regularly.
- 4.5. Providing each other with scientific equipment, laboratory, and production facilities available to the Parties to work in the fields of scientific cooperation mentioned above.
- 4.6. The Parties make their efforts to jointly apply funds from different sources.
- 4.7. The Parties shall notify each other without undue delay of their major events, including international conferences, symposia, and seminars, and facilitate the participation of the other Party's representatives in these events.

5. Final Articles

- 5.1. This Agreement comes into effect upon signature and automatically renews annually until one of the Parties declares its intention to terminate the Agreement or amend the terms of the Agreement six months prior to the end of the current period.
- 5.2. The Agreement does not prohibit cooperation of the Parties with other organizations.
- 5.3. In the case of failure to perform duties by one Party, the operation of the Agreement may be suspended; the other Party is notified of such an event not later than 3 months prior to it.
- 5.4. All disputes and disagreements between the Parties which may arise under or in connection with this Agreement shall be settled through negotiations based on mutual understanding and partnership.
- 5.5. The Agreement is concluded for the period from 2017 to 2022.
- 5.6. The Agreement may be amplified, changed, or amended by coordination between the Parties.
- 5.7. The Agreement is written in English in two copies with equal legal force, one of which is kept by each Party.

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