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The Fifth Asia Forum

CIIS Co-hosted the Fifth Asia Forum in Beijing with LSE

Minister Yang Jiechi making the keynote speech

Minister Yang Jiechi (middle) meeting with Sir Howard Davies, Director of LSE
The fifth LSE Asia Forum, organized by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), supported by China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), was held in Beijing on March 26, 2010. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi made a keynote speech on China’s foreign policy at the opening ceremony. Prof. Qu Xing, President of CIIS, and Sir Howard Davies, the Director of LSE also made remarks at the opening ceremony.

The theme of this year’s forum is China and the World: the Challenges of Change, with special focus on the role of China in tackling the recent economic challenges and lessons that can be learnt for the future. The main topics include the future role of financial markets in creating affluence, the relation of climate change and economic development, the healthcare system’s outlet and the challenges associated with arising China diplomacy. The forum attracted more than 500 participants from over 30 countries, most of whom are LSE alumni and CEOs of multinational corporations such as Morgan Stanley, Lehman Brown, etc. Speakers include His Royal Highness the Duke of York Prince Andrew, the UK’s Special Representative for International Trade and Investment, Mr. Liu Mingkang, the Chairman of China Banking Regulatory Commission, Mr. Zhu Min, Deputy Governor of the People’s Bank of China, Vice Minister Liu He, Office of the Central Leading Group on Financial and Economic Affairs, Mr. Stephen Roach, Chairman of Morgan Stanley Asia, Dr. Henk Bekedam, Director of Division of Health Sector Development of WTO.
On February 23, 2010, His Excellency Mr. Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, delivered a speech entitled “Pakistan’s Challenges and Our Responses” at China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) Forum. Dr. Qu Xing, President of CIIS, hosted the forum and over 120 people from the diplomatic missions in Beijing, research institutes and media joined the event.
On March 1, 2010, H.E. Mr. Gordan Jandroković, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Croatia, delivered a speech at CIIS Forum entitled “Croatia and China: Embracing the Opportunities of the 21st Century”. Hosted by Professor Qu Xing, CIIS President, this forum was attended by approximately 80 people, including over 10 foreign ambassadors to China, scholars from CIIS and other research institutes, as well as journalists of several Chinese media.
Indian Minister of External Affairs Delivered a Speech at CIIS

H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna delivering his speech

Prof. Qu Xing presenting a certificate to H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna
On April 6, 2010, H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna, Minister of External Affairs of India delivered a lecture at CIIS Forum entitled “India and China in the 21st Century World”. Hosted by CIIS President Qu Xing, the forum was attended by more than 130 people from Chinese Foreign Ministry, diplomatic missions in Beijing, major research institutes, Chinese and foreign media, as well as universities.
On May 7, 2010, Prime Minister Nikola Spiric of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a speech at CIIS Forum on the Bilateral Relations between China and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The event was hosted by CIIS President Qu Xing, with the attendance of more than 100 people, including Chinese and foreign diplomats, scholars, media people and university students.
On March 17, Mr. Inam UI Haque, former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Fazal-ur-Rehman, director of China Study Center, Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad(ISSI) visited CIIS. Dr. Qu Xing, CIIS President, Dr. Rong Ying, CIIS Vice President and some research fellows in CIIS met with the guests and exchanged views on issues of common concern including the South Asia Scenario, China’s policy towards South Asia and interactions between US, Pakistan, India and Russia on the Afghanistan and Middle East issues.
Iran’s Chief Nuclear Negotiator Saeed Jalili Visited CIIS

Prof. Qu Xing (middle) making welcome remarks at the meeting

Mr. Saeed Jalili (second from left) in the meeting
On April 2, Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator Saeid Jalili visited CIIS and exchanged views with Chinese experts and scholars on current Iranian nuclear issue and related international issues. Chaired by Prof. Qu Xing, CIIS President, the discussion was attended by former Chinese Ambassador to Iran, Mr. Hua Liming, Secretary General of CACDA, Mr. Li Hong, and scholars from CASS, CICIR, Peking University as well as CIIS.
On April 28, CIIS President, Prof. Qu Xing and CIIS Vice President Liu Youfa met with H.E. Mr. Ali Abdulsalam Treki, the President of the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. They exchanged views on the multilateralism, UN reform, Middle East and African issues and other issues of common concern. Mr. Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, Deputy Chef de Cabinet, Mr. Mohamed A. M. Aburawi, Associate Adviser on General Assembly Affairs and Special Events, scholars from CIIS, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing Normal University and China Academy of Social Sciences were also present at the meeting.
On May 13, CIIS President Prof. Qu Xing met with the visiting U.S. CAPSTONE delegation of high ranking military officers and officials from U.S. Department of Defense. They exchanged views on DPRK nuclear issues, Afghanistan issues, Iran issues, China-Indian relations and bilateral military exchanges, etc. Mr. Randy Lawrence, Deputy Army Attache of U.S. Embassy to China, Mr. Rong Ying, CIIS Vice President and other CIIS scholars also attended this discussion.
CIIS Delegation Attending the 19th CIIS-IFANS Workshop

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Meeting in the Sejong Institute
Headed by President Qu Xing, the CIIS delegation attended the 19th CIIS-IFANS workshop from May 16 to 22 in Seoul.

The CIIS-IFANS workshop is a traditional academic exchange program between China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) and Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS) since China established diplomatic relationship with the Republic of Korea. The focus of this year's seminar includes nuclear issues in the Korean Peninsula, changes of strategic structure in the Northeast Asia, G20 and international cooperation solutions, and China-ROK relations. President Qu Xing of CIIS and Chancellor Lee Soon-Chun of IFANS co-chaired the meeting.

During the stay in the ROK, the delegation also visited the Sejong Institute, Korea Institute for National Unification and Jeju Peace Institute.
Delegation from National Committee on American Foreign Policy visited CIIS

Vice President Rong Ying (middle) making remarks at the meeting

Delegates of National Committee on American Foreign Policy
On May 18, Vice President Rong Ying and researchers of CIIS met with an eight-member delegation from the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. Two sides exchanged their views on Korean Peninsula issues and China-US relations.
Prof. Qu Xing (middle) addressing welcoming remarks

Mr. Titarenko (second from left) in the meeting
On June 1, a delegation led by Mr. Titarenko, director of the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IFES RAS), visited CIIS. President Qu Xing met with the guests, and the two sides exchanged views on Sino-Russian relations and the future development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), etc. Mr. Rong Ying, Vice President of CIIS was also present at the meeting.
On June 8, a seven-member delegation led by Mr. Katarzyna Pelczynska-Nalecz, Vice President of the Centre for Eastern Studies (CES) of Poland visited CIIS. ciis president Qu Xing and scholars from Department for SCO Studies of CIIS met with the delegation. The two sides had a roundtable discussion on topics including China-Poland Relations, China-Russia Relations, SCO and Afghanistan issues.
On June 10, President Qu Xing met with Mr. Phil. Goff, the Leader of the New Zealand Labour Party, also the Leader of the Opposition. They had a discussion on issues of the regional big-power relations, security situations and economic cooperations.
On June 18, Dr. Liu Youfa, Vice President of CIIS, met with Dr. András Inotai, General Director of Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. The two sides had an open and frank discussion on topics including China-EU relations, China-U.S. relations and the status quo of the world economy.
On June 22, Prof. Qu Xing, President of CIIS met with Mr. Duong Van Quang, President of Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, and his fellows. The two sides made a discussion on some common concerned issues such as China-Vietnam relations, China-CASEAN Free Trade Area, etc.
At the invitation of CIIS, a delegation from Institute for Disarmament and Peace of Democratic People’s Republic of Korea visited China from June 29 to July 5. CIIS President Qu Xing, together with some CIIS researchers met with the delegation and had a discussion on issues of current situation in Korean Peninsula, the unification of Korea, building of peaceful mechanism and Six-Party Talks. During the stay in China, the delegation also visited some other Chinese think tanks and had a trip to Shanghai.
From May 11 to 12, the Fourth Sino-Nordic Think Tank Roundtable was held at CIIS. The event was co-organized by CIIS and the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). Vice Foreign Minister of China Madame Fu Ying and Permanent State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Denmark Mr. Claus Grube attended the opening ceremony and delivered keynote speeches. CIIS President Professor Qu Xing, Ambassador of Finland to China Mr. Lars Backström, and Director of the FIIA Dr. Teija Tiilikainen also made speeches at the opening ceremony. Ambassador of Denmark to China Mr. Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Ambassador of Norway to China Mr. Svein Ole Sæther, and Ambassador of Sweden to China Mr. Mikael Lindström were also present at the opening ceremony.

Twenty two specialists from China, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Sweden participated in the roundtable whose topics include: Sino-Nordic relations, development models and global economic governance, energy security and climate change, and global and regional peace and security issues.

Sino-Nordic Think Tank Roundtable was jointly launched by CIIS and FIIA in 2005. The previous meetings were held in Beijing (2005), Oslo (2006) and Helsinki (2008) respectively.
On May 26, China-U.S. Young Thinkers Forum was held at CIIS. Co-organized by All-China Youth Federation and CIIS, the forum aims to promote candid dialogue and mutual understanding for young leaders from both sides. More than fifty experts and young scholars from different fields such as politics, economics, society and public communication attended the meeting and had an open discussion under the theme of “A Positive, Cooperative and Comprehensive China-US Relationship: Young Thinkers’ Perspectives”. Mr. Robert Goldberg, Deputy Chief of Mission of U.S. Embassy in China, Ms. Dong Xia, Deputy Secretary General of All-China Youth Federation and Mr. Rong Ying, Vice President of CIIS, delivered welcome speeches for the opening ceremony.
On June 7 and 9, the 4th China-U.S. High-Level Security Dialogue was held in CIIS. CIIS President Qu Xing, EastWest Institute (EWI) President John Mroz and Secretary General Li Hong of China Arms Control and Disarmament Association chaired the dialogue separately. The dialogue, launched jointly by CIIS and EWI, was attended by around 20 distinguished experts and scholars from China and the United States. Extensive and profound discussions were conducted on the Reassessing the China-US Strategic Relationship, managing the Challenges of Public Diplomacy and Security and Stability in the Middle East.
About CIIS

China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) is the think tank of China’s Foreign Ministry. It conducts research and analysis focusing primarily on medium-to long-term policy issues of strategic importance, particularly those concerning international politics and world economy. It also makes comments and policy recommendations on major world events and hot-spot issues.

The predecessor institution of the CIIS is the Institute of International Relations, Chinese Academy of Sciences, which was founded in 1956. It was renamed the Institute of International Relations in 1958. The institute assumed its present name in 1986. In 1998, China Center for International Studies of the State Council was incorporated with the CIIS.

The CIIS has seven research departments, namely, Department for International Strategic Studies, Department for American Studies, Department for Asia-pacific Security and Cooperation Studies, Department for EU Studies, Department for Developing Countries Studies, Department for Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Studies and Department for World Economy and Development Studies. Currently, the Institute has over 100 full-time researchers, and 40% of them are senior fellows.

As one of China’s leading libraries for international studies, the CIIS Library boasts a total collection of about 250,000 books in seven languages, namely, Chinese, English, French, Russian, German, Japanese and Spanish. The Library’s collection covers a wide range of subjects, including politics, economics, military science, foreign affairs and international law.

The Institute has its own editorial department, responsible for two publications: *International Studies* (bi-monthly in Chinese) and *China International Studies* (bi-monthly in English).