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1. Colleges and universities to promote inter-continental flow of ideas and knowledge

1.1 Redefining the Global South: Insights from the First Global South Research Center Forum (Tongji University; January 2, 2025)

From December 14 to 15, 2024, the First Forum of the Global South Research Center – titled “Pluralistic Universal International Relations and the Global South” – was successfully held in Tongji University. The forum featured engaging presentations and discussions by scholars from both China and abroad, covering topics such as “Micro-Pluralistic Universalism,” “The Local Globalization of the Global South,” and “Pluralistic Universalism: Theory and Practice.” Through these dialogues, the forum reimaged the concept of the Global South beyond conventional geographical and developmental classifications, offering a new framework rooted in pluralistic universalism.

Source: <https://en.tongji.edu.cn/p/#/article?alias=6304ac67-f320-4b50-b62c-50984452d747>

1.2 Fostering Global Environmental Studies: Kyoto University International Symposium (Kyoto University; January 16, 2025)

On December 3, 2024, the Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies (GSGES) held the Kyoto University International Symposium 2024 on Global Environmental Studies in Asia in a hybrid format. The main venue was the Royal University of Agriculture (RUA) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Centered on the theme “Measures and Perspectives of Human Resource Development through International Environmental Cooperation,” the symposium brought together 360 participants from 48 organizations across 22 countries, including researchers, students, and private-sector professionals. The event promoted interdisciplinary and international collaboration, strengthened educational initiatives, and supported the development of global research networks. It also provided early-career researchers with valuable

opportunities to present their work, connect with peers, and build lasting partnerships aimed at promoting a more sustainable future.

Source: <https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news/2025-01-16>

1.3 Peking University Strengthens Global Partnerships at IARU and World Economic Forum (Peking University; February 8, 2025)

Recently, a delegation led by Peking University President Gong Qihuang visited Switzerland and France to participate in two key events: The International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) Presidents' Annual Meeting and the World Economic Forum's Global University Leaders Forum (WEF-GULF). The IARU meeting took place at ETH Zurich, where President Gong highlighted Peking University's innovations in emerging engineering fields, "dual carbon" research, and artificial intelligence. He called for deeper interdisciplinary collaboration and expanded faculty and student exchanges. The meeting concluded with a unanimous agreement to appoint Peking University as the next IARU secretariat, and both parties committed to advancing cooperation in laser technology and other research areas. At the World Economic Forum, which brought together nearly 3,000 delegates from over 130 countries, Gong shared Peking University's progress in academic research, global governance, and sustainability. He emphasized the importance of stronger university partnerships to support youth leadership initiatives and address global challenges.

Source: https://newsen.pku.edu.cn/news_events/news/global/14704.html

1.4 Tokyo Forum 2024: Designing Collaborative Solutions for a Sustainable Future (The University of Tokyo; February 10, 2025)

In an era defined by scientific breakthroughs and economic progress, people confront pressing challenges such as the climate crisis, economic inequality, and geopolitical tensions. At this pivotal moment, design has emerged as a vital tool to promote collaborative and integrative approaches to these issues. This was the focus of Tokyo Forum 2024, which brought together

researchers, artists, public-sector experts, and business leaders from around the globe to explore design's transformative potential from diverse disciplinary perspectives. The sixth annual symposium, held on November 22 and 23, 2024, was co-hosted by the University of Tokyo and South Korea's Chey Institute for Advanced Studies. Open to the public and centered on the theme "Shape the Future, Design for Tomorrow," the event took place at UTokyo's Yasuda Auditorium and attracted over 1,000 attendees.

Source: https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/focus/en/features/z1311_00001.html

1.5 CUHK Centre for Bioethics Marks 10 Years of Global Dialogue and Impact (The Chinese University of Hong Kong; March 5, 2025)

The Centre for Bioethics (the Centre) at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) has been celebrating its 10th anniversary since February 21, 2025, with a commemorative symposium and a series of events. The symposium, themed "Science, Medicine, and Beyond: Connecting the Global Communities with Bioethics," gathered leading scholars in bioethics, law, and health policy from around the world, alongside health professionals and students. This 10-year milestone underscores the Centre's dedication to fostering dialogue on critical bioethical issues, promoting global health ethics, and making significant contributions to bioethics education.

Source: <https://www.cpr.cuhk.edu.hk/en/press/cuhk-centre-for-bioethics-celebrates-10th-anniversary-by-gathering-global-experts-to-address-bioethical-challenges-in-science-and-medicine/>

1.6 Hong Kong Climate Forum 2025: Driving Innovation and Collaboration for a Sustainable Future (The University of Hong Kong; March 24, 2025)

The 2025 Hong Kong Climate Forum, co-organized by the Institute for Climate and Carbon Neutrality (ICCN) at the University of Hong Kong and the Environment and Ecology Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, officially opened on March 24. This two-day event gathers government officials, experts, scholars, and industry leaders from around the

world to address the challenges of climate change and explore effective mitigation strategies. The event featured several thematic sessions covering topics such as “Global Carbon Markets and Hong Kong’s Opportunities” and “Bridging the Finance Gap: Hong Kong’s Role in Supporting Energy Transition of the Global South.” Discussions focused on advancing a green low-carbon economy, achieving carbon peaking and neutrality, ecological conservation, and pollution prevention.

Source: https://hku.hk/press/news_detail_28200.html

1.7 2025 International Conference Advances Global Collaboration in Primary Health Care (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University; March 25, 2025)

The Joint Research Centre for Primary Health Care at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) recently co-hosted the “2025 International Conference on Primary Health Care” in collaboration with the Schools of Nursing from Fudan University, Sun Yat-sen University, and Tianjin Medical University. The conference focused on emerging trends, challenges, and strategies in interdisciplinary collaboration within primary health care. It attracted over 500 experts from 14 countries and regions, fostering meaningful exchange and international cooperation in advancing primary health systems.

Source: https://www.polyu.edu.hk/media/media-releases/2025/0325_polyu-hosts-2025-international-conference-on-primary-health-care/

2. Colleges and universities to develop formal inter-continental research collaboration arrangements

2.1 Hokkaido University and the University of Melbourne Strengthen Health Sciences Collaboration with New Joint Research Project (Hokkaido University; January 7, 2025)

In 2024, the Health Sciences faculties at Hokkaido University (HU) and the University of Melbourne (UoM) celebrated steady progress in developing inter-departmental partnerships. From September 24 to 27, 2024, a delegation from the Melbourne School of Health Sciences visited HU's Faculty of Health Sciences, further strengthening academic ties. A joint team of health science researchers from both institutions successfully secured funding from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) under the Promotion of Joint International Research scheme (KAKENHI) for their collaborative project titled "Developing and Implementing Health Promotion Strategies to Extend Healthy Lifespan: A Japan-Australia Collaboration." The collaboration has since expanded, involving UoM's Faculty of Engineering and IT and HU's Research Faculty of Agriculture, among others. This growing partnership is expected to serve as a catalyst for advancing research and education in health sciences at both universities in the years ahead.

Source: <https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/news/6998>

2.2 Xi'an Jiao Tong University Delegation Visits Egypt: Promoting Cooperation and Educational Exchanges between XJTU and Egypt (Xi'an Jiao Tong University; January 20, 2025)

From January 7 to 8, 2025, a delegation from Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU), led by Vice President Shan Zhiwei, visited Egypt to strengthen bilateral relations and educational exchanges between China and Egypt. The delegation engaged in discussions on student educational programs at XJTU, research collaborations, and joint initiatives between Chinese and Egyptian universities

and enterprises. Meetings were conducted with representatives from the Chinese Embassy in Egypt, local educational institutions, and Egyptian branches of Chinese enterprises. Notably, the delegation visited the Association of Egyptian Scholars in China (AESC), XD-EGEMAC High Voltage Electricity Equipment Co. Ltd., Victory College, and Badr University in Cairo (BUC), where they signed *Memoranda of Understanding* (MoU) to formalize partnerships.

Source: http://en.xjtu.edu.cn/2025-01/20/c_1065692.htm

2.3 CityUHK and Ghent University Forge New Partnership to Boost Academic and Research Collaboration (City University of Hong Kong; January 21, 2025)

City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK) has signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MoU) with Ghent University, a renowned institution in Belgium, to deepen academic and research collaboration. This partnership supports CityUHK's strategy to expand its global network by offering more opportunities for students and faculty to gain international experience and elevate academic standards. Under the MoU, both universities commit to strengthening ties between their academic communities and fostering mutual understanding. The MoU promotes direct collaboration among faculty, departments, institutes, and research centers across a variety of academic and scientific disciplines.

Source: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/media/news/2025/01/21/cityuhk-forges-new-partnership-ghent-university>

2.4 CityUHK and EPFL Launch Institute for Materials Innovation to Drive Cutting-Edge Research (City University of Hong Kong; February 12, 2025)

On 11 February, 2025, City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK) and École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) announced the launch of the Institute for Materials Innovation. Alongside this, several *Memoranda of Understanding* (MoUs) were signed with industry partners to jointly establish a

leading research institute focused on advancing cutting-edge materials science. CityUHK and EPFL will jointly explore the frontiers of materials science, developing innovative solutions to tackle urgent global challenges. The Institute for Materials Innovation will act as a dynamic hub for innovative research, combining the unique strengths of both universities. This collaboration seeks to promote interdisciplinary cooperation across scientific fields and enhance engagement among industry players, academic researchers, and investors.

Source: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/media/news/2025/02/12/cityuhk-form-s-alliance-epfl-establish-institute-materials-innovation-new-hub-cutting-edge-research-global-support>

2.5 The University of Manchester Launches Africa Strategy to Boost Research Partnerships and UN SDG Collaboration (The University of Manchester; February 13, 2025)

The University of Manchester has launched its Africa Strategy with a visit to Kenya to celebrate and strengthen its partnerships with local researchers addressing key issues aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The new strategy aims to deepen collaboration with African institutions and expand joint research efforts. Manchester academics are already engaged in diverse projects across the continent, focusing on poverty reduction, health improvement, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development. The University of Manchester seeks to foster more co-created initiatives that comprehensively tackle the UN SDGs and advance shared goals for a sustainable future.

Source: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/about/news/the-university-of-manchester-marks-launch-of-new-africa-strategy-with-visit-to-kenyan-partners/>

2.6 Nagoya University and NC State Celebrate 40 Years of Partnership and Renew Commitment to Collaboration (Nagoya University; March 7, 2025)

Nagoya University welcomed a delegation from North Carolina State

University (NC State) to celebrate 40 years of institutional cooperation between the two universities. The anniversary events in February 2025 included academic exchanges, ceremonial activities, and discussions to strengthen future collaborative initiatives. The celebrations highlighted both institutions' dedication to international education and research partnerships, paving the way for continued cooperation in the years ahead. A new bilateral exchange agreement signed during the ceremony further solidified this long-standing partnership.

Source: https://en.nagoya-u.ac.jp/news/NCState_20250306.html

2.7 The University of Manchester and UT Austin Forge Strategic Partnership to Advance Collaborative Research and Teaching (The University of Manchester; March 11, 2025)

The University of Manchester has formalized a new strategic partnership with the University of Texas at Austin, fostering collaboration across research and teaching. As Manchester and Austin become sister cities, this alliance brings together two leading global universities committed to advancing global engagement and interdisciplinary expertise. Key focus areas include engineering, nanotechnologies, cancer research, digital humanities, social sciences, and creative industries. Building on existing joint projects, the partnership aims to expand current efforts and develop new initiatives to drive innovation and academic excellence.

Source: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/about/news/university-of-manchester-establishes-new-partnership-with-university-of-texas-at-austin-as-manchester-and-austin-become-sister-cities/>

3. Colleges and universities to make efforts for global challenges

3.1 Cambridge Leads £10M Project to Revolutionize Personalized Cancer Risk Prediction (University of Cambridge; January 22, 2025)

Cambridge researchers are set to lead a £10 million project that could enable doctors to predict an individual's risk of getting cancer and provide personalized strategies for early detection and prevention. The Cancer Data-Driven Detection program will be headed by Professor Antonis Antoniou, an expert in cancer risk prediction at the University of Cambridge. Funded by Cancer Research UK, the National Institute for Health and Care Research, and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, the project will bring together data from a variety of sources—including medical records, genetic information, family history, demographic details, and behavioral patterns. The goal is to build sophisticated statistical models that can identify those at highest risk. In parallel, the team will develop advanced AI tools to analyze this data and estimate an individual's cancer risk across their lifetime.

Source: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/ps10-million-programme-to-use-ai-and-state-of-the-art-analytics-to-fight-cancer>

3.2 Cambridge Signs Concordat to Champion Sustainability in Research and Innovation (University of Cambridge; February 12, 2025)

The University of Cambridge has signed the pioneering Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice, joining 70 signatories and supporting organizations as of November 2024. This sector-wide initiative was developed through collaboration between UK universities, research institutes, and funding bodies. It represents a shared commitment to integrating environmental sustainability into the core of research culture, practice, and infrastructure. By signing the Concordat, Cambridge pledges to drive progress across six key areas: leadership and systemic change, sustainable infrastructure, sustainable procurement, emissions from business

and academic travel, collaborations and partnerships, environmental impact and reporting data. This step reinforces the University's dedication to shaping a more sustainable future for research and innovation.

Source: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/news/cambridge-signs-sustainable-research-agreement>

3.3 University of Bristol Joins Launch of TechWorks-AI to Drive Real-World Impact in AI Innovation (University of Bristol; February 27, 2025)

TechWorks-AI, a newly launched community dedicated to advancing artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), was officially unveiled at a landmark event held at Bletchley Park. As part of the TechWorks industry association, the University of Bristol has joined this initiative to help close the gap between academic research and real-world AI applications. The partnership aims to accelerate innovation by fostering collaboration between researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers. By working together, TechWorks-AI and the University of Bristol seek to tackle industry-wide challenges and promote the development of trustworthy and responsible AI.

Source: <https://www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2025/february-/techworks-ai.html>

3.4 Oxford Launches EARTH Initiative to Tackle Sustainable Resource Challenges for Net Zero Future (University of Oxford; March 19, 2025)

The University of Oxford has announced the launch of Oxford EARTH (Ensuring Equitable Access to Sustainable Resources for a Thriving Habitat), a major new multidisciplinary research initiative focused on securing the natural resources essential to the global net zero energy transition. With £3.4 million in University funding over five years, the EARTH program will explore critical issues such as the supply of raw materials for renewable energy systems—including generation, storage, and transmission—as well as the social and environmental considerations tied to their extraction. The initiative brings together researchers from nine departments and faculties—Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Geography, Economics, Law, Materials, and

the Saïd Business School – uniting a broad spectrum of expertise to develop sustainable, equitable solutions.

Source: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2025-03-19-university-oxford-establishes-oxford-earth-new-programme-sustainable-resource>

3.5 The University of Manchester’s National Graphene Institute Celebrates 10 Years of Innovation (The University of Manchester; March 20, 2025)

The National Graphene Institute (NGI) at the University of Manchester is celebrating its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of pioneering research into graphene – the world’s thinnest, strongest, and most conductive material. Since opening in 2015, the NGI has become a global hub for advancing graphene and other cutting-edge two-dimensional (2D) materials. Looking forward, the institute remains dedicated to pushing the boundaries of innovation in this field. It continues to collaborate closely with its sister facility, the Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre (GEIC), while fostering new talent through the 2D Materials of Tomorrow (2DMoT) PhD program, ensuring a vibrant future for 2D materials research.

Source: <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/about/news/national-graphene-institute-celebrates-10-years-of-transformative-research/>

4. Colleges and universities to promote people mobility including scholar or student mobility

4.1 Hokkaido University Hosts Seoul National University Delegation for Inclusive Society and Sustainability Program (Hokkaido University; January 23, 2025)

On January 15, 2025, Hokkaido University (HU) welcomed a delegation from its strategic international partner, Seoul National University (SNU). The group included thirty-one undergraduate and two postgraduate students participating in SNU's short-term international program, "SNU in Japan". The visit was organized under the theme "social responses related to achieving an inclusive society and sustainable development," reflecting shared academic interests between the two institutions. During their time at HU, the students engaged in a series of workshops, discussions, and cultural exchanges aimed at deepening their understanding of Japan's approaches to social inclusion and sustainability while strengthening ties between HU and SNU.

Source: <https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/news/3069>

4.2 The University of Edinburgh Expands Education Beyond Borders Scholarship for Displaced Students (The University of Edinburgh; February 11, 2025)

Launched in January 2024, the University of Edinburgh's Education Beyond Borders program introduced a new postgraduate scholarship supporting up to 30 displaced students annually. In September, the first cohort of 21 students from countries including Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Eritrea, Turkey, Palestine, Sri Lanka, Sudan, and Yemen began their studies. Starting in the 2025/26 academic year, the program will double its reach by offering both in-person and online learning options. This expansion enables students affected by conflict, persecution, or human rights violations to continue their education remotely, broadening access to life-changing academic opportunities

worldwide.

Source: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/news/scheme-supporting-displaced-students-set-to-double-its-reach>

4.3 Kyoto University Welcomes Australian Students for Second KU-STAR Program (Kyoto University; February 18, 2025)

As part of its initiative to boost international student enrollment in its graduate schools, Kyoto University launched the Kyoto University Short-Term Academic Research (KU-STAR) Program in 2024. The inaugural cohort featured 18 students from India. Now in its second iteration, the program welcomed four students from the University of Melbourne, Australia, on 9 January 2025. Running until 28 February, the program offers participants hands-on research experience in laboratories across five host departments: The Graduate School of Medicine, the Institute for Chemical Research (ICR), the Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences (RIMS), the Kyoto University Museum, and the Graduate School of Science. In addition to research, students engage in Japanese language classes, cultural activities, and immersive experiences designed to broaden their academic and cultural horizons.

Source: <https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/news/2025-02-18-0>

4.4 UM-SJTU Joint Institute Expands Global Degree Pathways with Nanyang Technological University (Shanghai Jiao Tong University; March 17, 2025)

The University of Michigan – Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute (UM-SJTU JI, JI hereafter) has recently signed a new partnership agreement with Singapore’s Nanyang Technological University (NTU). This collaboration expands JI’s Global Degree Pathways (GDP) program to include 12 master’s programs across three NTU colleges, enhancing JI’s international academic network and offering students greater global learning opportunities. The program will be available through NTU’s School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, School of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, and College of Computing & Data Science. Following a “3.5+2” structure, eligible JI students

can apply in their junior year's fall semester and, once accepted, begin their two-year master's studies at NTU in the fall of their senior year.

Source: <https://en.sjtu.edu.cn/news/4900>

4.5 UM and UTS Deepen Partnership with Focus on Joint Talent Development (University of Macau; March 20, 2025)

On 20 March 2025, the University of Macau (UM) welcomed a delegation from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) led by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Leo Mian Liu. The visit underscored a shared commitment to advancing talent development through international collaboration. UM Rector Yonghua Song and the UTS delegation held in-depth discussions on expanding opportunities for joint research and academic exchange. A key outcome of the meeting was a consensus to establish a joint PhD degree program, aimed at cultivating high-level global talent and enhancing academic cooperation between the two institutions.

Source: <https://www.um.edu.mo/news-and-press-releases/press-release/detail/60599/>

4.6 CityUHK and University of Cambridge Launch Landmark Postdoctoral Research Collaboration (City University of Hong Kong; March 31, 2025)

On 31 March 2025, City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK) and the University of Cambridge announced a groundbreaking partnership marking a major step forward in global research collaboration. Representing one of Cambridge's most significant postdoctoral partnerships with an Asian institution, the initiative will support 18 postdoctoral researchers across six departments in both STEM and non-STEM fields at Cambridge, in collaboration with four Colleges at CityUHK. By leveraging the complementary research strengths of both universities, the collaboration aims to boost research capacity, foster academic exchange, and amplify the global impact of their joint research efforts.

Source: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/media/news/2025/03/31/landmark-glo>

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5. Non-university organizations to promote global common good

5.1 Global Initiative Launched to Leverage Digital S&T for Sustainable Development (Chinese Academy of Sciences; March 28, 2025)

A major global initiative aimed at advancing international cooperation for sustainable development through digital science and technology was unveiled at the International Forum on Science for Sustainable Development, held as a parallel event to the 2025 Zhongguancun Forum. Co-hosted by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the forum convened nearly 200 participants from international organizations, research institutions, and academia under the theme “Digital Technologies Driving Sustainable Development.” The event supports the UNESCO-led International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033). A key outcome of the forum was the release of the “Beijing Initiative on Digital Science and Technology for Sustainable Development.” Presented by Johannes Cullmann, Scientific Advisor to the President of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, the initiative outlines five action areas where digital innovation can address global sustainability challenges and strengthen international collaboration. Participants from 16 countries contributed to this collective vision for harnessing science and technology to build a more sustainable future.

Source: https://english.cas.cn/newsroom/news/202503/t20250331_909063.shtml

5.2 China Launches First International Teacher Training Program at Beijing Normal University (Ministry of Education of China; March 29, 2025)

On March 27, 2025, China inaugurated its first international teacher training program at the Global Teacher Development Academy at Beijing Normal University. The launch ceremony was attended by Vice Minister of Education Du Jiangfeng, who delivered a keynote speech highlighting the

program's significance as a strategic advancement in China's global educational engagement. Du hailed the academy as a vital platform for international teacher collaboration and called for stronger coordination among education departments, universities, and professional organizations to build robust global teacher education networks. He also emphasized the importance of deepening cooperation among the academy's 21 affiliated centers and encouraged in-depth research into diverse teacher training practices worldwide.

Source: http://en.moe.gov.cn/news/press_releases/202504/t20250403_1186051.html

5.3 AIR and UNOSAT Sign MoU to Advance Global Sustainability and Disaster Resilience (Chinese Academy of Sciences; March 31, 2025)

On March 26, 2025, the Aerospace Information Research Institute (AIR) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT) signed a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MoU) in Beijing, marking a key step in leveraging space technologies to support global sustainability. The partnership aims to strengthen disaster resilience and accelerate progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through international scientific cooperation. Key focus areas include disaster risk assessment and emergency response, climate change adaptation, remote sensing capacity building, data sharing standards, and community engagement. This collaboration is set to enhance global efforts in building a more sustainable and resilient future.

Source: https://english.cas.cn/newsroom/news/202504/t20250401_909108.shtml

5.4 CAST and Sci-Bono Discovery Center Forge New Partnership to Boost Science Education and Cooperation (China Association for Science and Technology; March 31, 2025)

On March 18, 2025, a delegation from the China Association for Science

and Technology (CAST) visited the Sci-Bono Discovery Center in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province – Africa’s largest science center. During the visit, the two sides signed a *Memorandum of Cooperation* (MoC) to establish a friendly museum partnership aimed at promoting resource sharing, leveraging complementary strengths, and advancing both science and culture through inter-museum collaboration. Ahead of the signing, CAST and Sci-Bono engaged in in-depth discussions and agreed to jointly develop the China-South Africa Science Space at the Center. This initiative will provide high-quality science education resources to the public and deepen bilateral exchanges in science communication and education.

Source: https://english.cast.org.cn/xkx/News/art/2025/art_2074057746.html