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, education, culture, tourism 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

2020 is a remarkable year for ASEAN, China and world. The year marks the 53rd anniversary of ASEAN, the 29th anniversary of the establishment of the dialogue relationship between ASEAN and China, the 17th anniversary of the ASEAN-China strategic partnership, as well as the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation. Also in 2020 China and ASEAN have worked closely together to go through the unprecedented challenges and tests—to fight against the COVID-19 and to reinvigorate a slumping economy. Despite the shock of pandemic, ASEAN, for the first time, has become the biggest trading partner of China. The two sides have greatly showcased a good example of regional cooperation to the world and fully demonstrated their solid and deep friendship, as well as the strategic implication of ASEAN-China relations. Particularly 2020 witnessed the signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement.

Faced with this hard year, ACC remained true to its responsibility, and played an active role as a bridge in facilitating ASEAN and China to strengthen cooperation, coordination and connectivity. Taking the guidance of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030 and the important consensus reached by leaders of two sides, in 2020, ACC made efforts to implement the approved flagship projects, and organize and participate in activities as many as possible in priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation, especially in digital economy, blue economy, smart cities, intelligent industry, cross-border e-commerce, public health, poverty alleviation, online education, cultural and media exchanges, and sustainable development.

In the trying times, ACC took full advantage of digital technologies to explore flexible and innovative ways, such as organizing the online plus offline symposium to gather the wisdom from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and China, and launching the cloud ASEAN-China culture and tourism exhibition. ACC has also been putting
its efforts into facilitating the business efforts by Chinese high-tech enterprises to ASEAN in order to contribute to fostering more new growth areas for ASEAN-China cooperation. In 2020, ACC had made achievements in promoting practical cooperation of both sides, and received wide acknowledgement and strong support from the governments and sectors of AMS and China.

On trade and investment, 2020 is the 10th anniversary of the full establishment of the ASEAN China Free Trade Area and the year of ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation. With the agreement signing of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), ASEAN and China continue to make efforts in the existing infrastructure and other advantageous areas to further promote progresses of major projects. At the same time, the two sides also make great efforts to develop digital economy, create more cooperation highlights in smart city, 5G, AI, telemedicine and other fields, and push forward ASEAN-China cooperation into an accelerated period. ACC played a bridging role for economic cooperation and co-hosted the 2020 ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation Conference in Chengdu as the annual flagship programme to promote digital economy cooperation. To further boost the ASEAN-China trade and investment relations, ACC attended online activities including the 2020 Yuxi Online Promotion of Development and Investment Cooperation, the Collective Signing Ceremony of Contracts of Trade in Services and New Products Releasing Conference of Gansu Province, the Online Signing Ceremony of the MOU between the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and Chinese 86Links Group and supported the Industrial Parks Forum on Partner Philippines. To facilitate ASEAN
enterprises to expand business in China and enhance sectoral cooperation between the two sides, ACC organized field visits to iFLYTEK Beijing and Chengdu Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, set up the ASEAN Pavilion at the 18th China International Grain and Oil Expo, and attended important exhibitions and forums in provinces and cities of China including the Qinghai Eco-industrial Expo 2020 & the Belt and Road Roundtable on Ecological Industry Cooperation and Development, the 11th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire and Auto Accessory Exhibition, the 2020 East Asia Marine Cooperation Platform Qingdao Forum and the China Forum on International Ecological Competitiveness 2020 in Inner Mongolia. To expand regional cooperation and influence, ACC participated in regional activities such as the Online Launch of the BFA 2020 Flagship Report and Symposium on Asian Development Prospects and Challenges under the Pandemic, the 2020 Extraordinary ASEAN-China Social Development and Poverty Reduction Forum, the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium, the 11th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum and the China-ASEAN Public Private Cooperation Forum on Combating COVID-19 Digitally.

**On education**, against the backdrop of COVID-19, education collaboration has still risen up amid difficulties. ACC actively promoted education collaboration across the board to respond to bilateral demands and overcome the impact of the pandemic. To enhance mutual understanding and friendship, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China Youth Winter Camp, and ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week. To contribute to the fight against COVID-19 and encourage regional cooperation, ACC and Peking University Health Science Centre (PKUHSC) co-hosted the online conference on
experience sharing on COVID-19, including prevention and control of its spread, treatment and diagnosis of severe cases, handling of common clinical problems. To facilitate TVET collaboration and echo the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, ACC co-hosted the online 2020 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programs, hosted training for AMS on the Internet economy, digital technology and connectivity. ACC continued to deepen and broaden the education partnership to plan ahead and explore future cooperation.

**On culture**, ACC maintained good relations with partners from government departments, cultural organizations, institutions and academia in China and ASEAN countries, and organized various activities to promote cultural exchanges. In order to strengthen mutual appreciation through cultural exchanges and interactions, ACC co-hosted the Photo Exhibition on ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges, launched the Compilation and Release of the Pamphlets on ASEAN Culture Information, supported and attended the Closing Ceremony of the 2019 Culture City of East Asia Xi’an Activity Year, etc. In terms of Common Development of Creative Production Capacity and Cultural Industry, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN Culture and Tourism Online Exhibition at 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services, attended the 3rd World Sichuan Cuisine Conference and the 12th China International Pickles Food Expo, and participated in the China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair 2020. As for Children’s Cultural Enlightenment for Friendship and Cooperation, ACC updated the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges, continued the Collection and Release of ASEAN Short Stories
and the Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals. These activities demonstrated the uniqueness and diversity of the cultures of ASEAN and China, and achieved fruitful results.

On tourism, the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted many industries, esp. tourism bearing the brunt of such an unprecedented incident. As in previous years, ACC made a whole-year plan to continuously strengthen tourism exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in 2020. Facing the pandemic, ACC had adjusted the Working Programme 2020 and its calendar on tourism accordingly. As an information and activities centre, for the first few months of 2020, the tourism team of ACC put more resources on the information-related work. At the same time, it kept contacts and exchanged information via electronic channels with its partners including the Embassies of AMS in Beijing, travel organizations and relevant institutions of ASEAN and China. In the second half of 2020, ACC and its partners successfully co-organized signature tourism activities, such as ASEAN-China (Guiyang) B&R Culture and Tourism Exchange Week and Sichuan International Travel Trade Expo and promotional activities at CITM (Shanghai) and CAETE (Guilin). The process of promoting ASEAN tourism is going on persistently.

On information and public relations, faced with enormous difficulties caused by COVID-19, ACC showed great resilience and flexibility in pressing ahead with its flagship projects to further deepen ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation and broaden its circle of friends under the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation. In addition, ACC was able to grasp the rare time window to strengthen its role as an information
centre by extensively collecting, researching and disseminating valuable information. ACC adopted innovative means in designing and implementing a series of projects and activities to keep up the momentum of media exchanges between the two sides as well as to boost public awareness about ASEAN-China relations. ACC carried on with the strong brand it created for ASEAN-China media exchanges by making the ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum a great success, and successfully held the ASEAN-China Media & Think-tank Online Forum during the first half of the year, when offline activities were unable to hold, enhancing media and think-tank cooperation and digital economy related exchanges between the two sides. Under the “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations”, one Ambassador-level lecture was held. To step up capacity building, ACC conducted a variety of media capacity building activities and workshops both online and offline to meet emerging demands from both sides. An online workshop themed “utilizing social media to promote national image” was held so that the AMS could have more means to obtain greater public appeal in China. A familiarisation trip was organized for AMS diplomats and journalists stationed in Beijing to visit China’s Hunan Province, which was the third year in a row that ACC organized such a trip outside Beijing. New initiatives were launched in brand building and public relations. For instance, ACC facilitated exclusive interviews with AMS ambassadors on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of Philippine-China relations, the 70th anniversary of Indonesia-China relations and the 75th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia. Field visits to Sina Corporation and JD.com Inc were organized in a bid to expand ACC’s circle of friends. ACC publicized an article titled “ACC
as Information Centre”, taking stock of ACC’s information work over the years and charting course for the future. Greater efforts were put into producing the 2018 ASEAN-China in Figures to incorporate suggestions from all parties concerned. New editions of Newsletter were compiled, and ACC outdoor display board took on a new look. ACC exerted extra efforts to provide more analytical and thought-provoking articles to China Report magazine. A brand new version of ACC’s official website was launched with enriched contents, easier access and more aesthetically pleasing layout.

As an inter-governmental organization co-founded by 10 AMS 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 and actual needs of both sides. ACC enhanced communication and partnership with relevant international organizations especially the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), etc. These efforts have further expanded ACC’s network with relevant stakeholders and are helpful to better carry out its mandate.

Looking forward, ACC will continue to fully harness its role as a one-stop information and activities centre. ACC will join hands with all friends and partners, forge ahead in an innovative spirit, and positively facilitate ASEAN and China to expand and deepen practical cooperation, promote the recovery of economy and society, and enhance the people-to-people exchanges, so as to make greater contributions to advance ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for mutual benefit.
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CHAPTER I
TRADE AND INVESTMENT
ASEAN-China cooperation has grown into the most successful and vibrant model for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific economy. Since the beginning of 2020, cooperation between the two sides has continued to grow despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. From January to December 2020, the bilateral trade volume has reached 684.6 billion US dollars, a year-on-year increase of 6.7%. The two sides have formed a good pattern of becoming the largest trading partner of each other, with two-way investment of 22.3 billion US dollars, up 28.8% over the same period of 2019. In particular, the agreement signing of the RCEP will stimulate more endogenous power and promote long-term prosperity and sustainable development in the region.

In 2020, ACC spared no efforts to encourage two-way trade and investment between ASEAN and China by co-hosting and participating activities in line with ASEAN-China digital economy cooperation, smart cities network, tackling global epidemic, sustainable development and other emerging trends of regional cooperation. ACC will continue to strengthen communication and cooperation with government agencies, business associations, think-tanks, MSMEs of both sides and raise ASEAN-China public awareness of the upgraded ACFTA, RCEP and bilateral trade and investment policies for more cooperation opportunities.

### ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation

#### 1. Background

The year 2020 was designated as the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation at the 22nd ASEAN-China Summit in Bangkok in 2019. Both sides agreed to expand cooperation in e-commerce, scientific and technological innovation, 5G network, smart city and other fields. It was another important arrangement for ASEAN and China to promote cooperation following the Year of Innovation (2018) and the Year of Media Exchanges (2019).

Though the COVID-19 pandemic brought challenges, it also created opportunities giving birth to a number of new industries and business forms, especially in the digital economy. Emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things, 5G communications, artificial intelligence and big data are playing an important role in areas such as health care, medical supplies, education and logistics. Digital economy is more important than ever in restoring the economic and social development, creating more jobs and improving people’s livelihood. Both AMS and China take the Year of Digital Economy Cooperation and the new round of technology revolution as an opportunity to harness the comparative strengths to promote win-win cooperation, strengthen new drivers of growth, and contribute to stability and prosperity in the region.

In view of this, ACC attended relevant events and co-hosted themed forums focusing on digital economy cooperation and invited government officials, representatives of embassies of AMS, entrepreneurs, business and academic representatives from both sides to explore opportunities for future cooperation.

#### 2. Activities

1. **Attended the Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation**

On 12 June 2020, the opening ceremony of the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation was launched.
via teleconference. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, whose country chairs the ASEAN rotating presidency, sent congratulatory messages to the event.

Mr. Miao Wei, Chinese Minister of Industry and Information Technology, presided over the opening ceremony and delivered a keynote speech. Mr. LIM Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Cao Quoc Hung, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Viet Nam, together with ministers in charge of digital economy or information and communication of the AMS attended the opening ceremony and made speeches via teleconference. Minister Miao Wei shared China’s practices and experience in applying digital technology in containing the epidemic, resuming work and production as well as ensuring people’s livelihood and put forward a six-point proposal for strengthening digital economy cooperation between ASEAN and China.

Ministers in charge of digital economy or information and communication of AMS shared experience of their own countries in tackling the epidemic, developing digital economy and promoting innovation cooperation. They spoke highly of China’s achievements in digital economy and its positive role in bilateral and regional digital economy cooperation. They also put forward suggestions and initiatives to strengthen cooperation for early realization of digital transformation in the region.


(2) Co-hosted the 2020 ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation Conference

On 9 November 2020, with the theme of “Co-building Digital Economy and Sharing New Drivers of Development”, ACC co-hosted the 2020 ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation Conference with the Chengdu Municipal People’s Government in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Mr. Wang Fengchao, Mayor of the Chengdu Municipal People’s
Government, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, together with representatives from relevant departments of the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of China attended and addressed the conference. Dr. Le Quang Lanh, Head of Information and Communications Technology and Tourism Division of ASEAN Secretariat participated in the conference via video link and made remarks. About 300 participants from the Chengdu Municipal People’s Government, diplomatic missions of AMS in China, ASEAN and Chinese business associations, enterprises and media attended the off-line event. The online conference was launched simultaneously. Business associations and enterprises of AMS and other provinces and cities in China responded actively, with about 300 registered participants.

Commercial counsellors and representatives of AMS diplomatic missions in China including Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam made promotions on preferential policies and investment prospects of digital economy industry of their respective countries. They also expressed the aspiration of promoting all-round innovation and cooperation led by digital economy cooperation and upgrading the ASEAN-China economic and trade cooperation. Senior managers of the Chinese leading enterprises in digital economy including iFLYTEK, JD.com, CETC International, and 86Links made keynote speeches on AI industry application and international cooperation, big data-driven smart cities, digital sharing platform for ASEAN industrial parks, overseas digital supply chain etc. and shared their experience in developing business in the ASEAN market.

【3. Outcomes】

The ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation Conference was held directly under the theme of 2020 ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation. Focused on the current development and future prospect of digital economy, the conference has set up a beneficial platform for exchanges and cooperation and contributes wisdom to promote the ASEAN-China digital economy cooperation. It was well received by the business circles and enterprises of both sides and raised constructive views and practical suggestions by ASEAN and Chinese enterprises, especially the SMEs 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 BRI, 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. 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
AMS in China to conduct activities promoting two-way trade and investment policies and business environment, aiming to help more enterprises, especially the MSMEs of both sides, to make good use of favorable policies and develop the market of each other.

【2. Activities】

(1) Supported Trade and Investment Promotion Activities for Local Development

a. Attended the 2020 Yuxi Online Promotion of Development and Investment Cooperation

On 30 March 2020, at the invitation of the Yuxi Municipal People’s Government of Yunnan Province, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC, attended the 2020 Yuxi Online Promotion of Development and Investment Cooperation and made remarks. Nearly 100 people took part, including representatives of Chinese and foreign enterprises and business associations, as well as government officials and business representatives of Yuxi.

The main venue of the promotion was located in Yuxi, with parallel sessions in Shanghai and Changsha of China as well as UK and Singapore. The purposes of the event were to overcome the limits of time and space, enhance exchanges and cooperation with domestic and foreign investors and minimize the impact of the epidemic on investment promotion by means of cloud conference and live coverage.

The location advantages, industrial layout, business environment and investment projects of Yuxi City were well promoted at the event, with focuses on key fields and industries such as green food, healthy life destination, green energy, intelligent manufacturing, scientific and educational innovation, digital economy and biomedical industry. Entrepreneurs from UK and Singapore exchanged views online with Yuxi government representatives and expressed wishes to strengthen cooperation and expand business opportunities. Three relevant projects were signed at the cloud platform.

b. Attended the Online Promotion Activity for the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS)

On 17 July 2020, the online Promotion Activity for the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) was held by the organizing committee. Representatives of foreign embassies
in China and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC, attended the activity.

Executives of Beijing Municipal Commerce Bureau, Beijing Local Financial Supervision and Administration, Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism, Beijing Municipal Health Commission, CCPIT Beijing Sub-Council, Beijing International Education Exchange Center as well as IDG China made briefings on 2020 CIFTIS and relevant events. With the theme of “Global Services, Shared Prosperity”, the 2020 CIFTIS would be held in September in Beijing, aiming at promoting cooperation and exchanges of international trade in services.

c. Supported Collective Signing Ceremony of Contracts of Trade in Services and New Products Releasing Conference of Gansu Province

On 5 September 2020, the Collective Signing Ceremony of Contracts of Trade in Services and New Products Releasing Conference of Gansu Province was held in Beijing as a sideshow during the 2020 CIFTIS. The Signing Ceremony and New Products Release was hosted by Gansu Provincial People’s Government, and co-supported by Department of Trade in Service of Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) and ACC. Mr. Cheng Xiaobo, Vice Governor of Gansu Province, Ms. Wang Huiying, Deputy Director General of Department of Trade in Service of MOFCOM, Mr. Zhang Yinghua, Director General of Department of Commerce of Gansu Province attended the event and delivered remarks. Representatives of ACC attended the event. There were altogether 25 projects signed with a total investment volume of USD 130 million. Lanzhou Foci Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd and other 3 companies from Gansu Province released their new products.

d. Attended the 2020 Anhui Development Zones’ Round-table on High Quality Development

On 23 October 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC, attended and addressed the 2020 Anhui Development Zones’ Round-table Meeting on High Quality Development held in Changfeng (Shuangfeng) Economic Development Zone, Anhui Province. The activity was co-hosted by China Council for the Promotion of International Investment (CCPII), Anhui Provincial Department of Commerce, International Business News, and Changfeng County People’s Government. Ms. Ma Xiuhong, Chairperson of CCPII and former Vice Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Yu Xiao, Party Secretary and President of International Business News, Mr. Li Yong, Deputy Director General of the
Investment Promotion Bureau of the Ministry of Commerce, Mr. Liu Guang, Deputy Director General of the Department of Commerce of Anhui Province attended the meeting along with representatives from municipal bureaus of commerce of different cities, relevant development zones, as well as business associations and business representatives from Japan, ROK, Germany, and Thailand.

(2) **Attended the Online Signing Ceremony of the MOU between PEZA and 86Links Group**

On 16 July 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC, attended and addressed the online Signing Ceremony
of the MOU between the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and 86Links Group. Mme. Charito Plaza, Director-General of PEZA, Mr. Glen G. Penaranda, Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of the Philippines, CEO of 86Links Group, together with representatives of Chinese and foreign enterprises and business associations, attended the ceremony. All the online guests witnessed and congratulated on the signing of MOU between the two parties.

(3) Supported “Industrial Parks Forum on Partner Philippines: Destination for Growing Business”

On 9 September 2020, the “Industrial Parks Forum on Partner Philippines: Destination for Growing Business” was co-hosted by the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and 86Links Group. H.E. Mr. Jose S. L. Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Philippines to China, Mme. Charito Plaza, Director-General of PEZA, Mr. Wang Sanning, Director of Research Institute of 86Links Group, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended and made remarks. Officials from the Philippine government authorities, representatives of enterprises from the two countries attended the event.

(4) Attended the Opening Ceremony of China (Sichuan)-South & Southeast Asia Business Leaders Online Conference

On 25 September 2020, Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC, attended the China (Sichuan)-South & Southeast Asia Business Leaders Online Conference and the 2020 Online Products Exhibition of South & Southeast
Asia Countries hosted by CCPIT Sichuan Council. Business leaders from ASEAN and South Asia countries including Cambodia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Viet Nam addressed the conference via video, expressing their confidence in strengthening cooperation to fight the pandemic and restoring regional economic development. Relevant activities such as webcast promotion of Malaysian and Thai products, seminars on cooperation in agriculture food and high-tech industry, promotion conference on trade and investment opportunities of South and Southeast countries were also held at the conference.

【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, and 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 attending 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 reviving 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 of promoting trade and investment cooperation between ASEAN and China, and is warmly welcomed by the governments and business circles of both sides.

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, connectivity, regional integration and poverty reduction to promote ASEAN-China all-round cooperation.

【2. Activities】

(1) Organized Representatives of Embassies of AMS and Business Community to Visit the Science and Technology Enterprises and Demonstration Zones in China

a. Organized a Field Visit to iFLYTEK Beijing Office

On 26 August 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC led all officials of ACC to visit iFLYTEK Beijing office. Visitors learned about the company’s development history and the latest achievements in the fields of speech recognition and synthesis, smart home, smart cities, AI plus health-care and AI plus education and experienced the
application of leading products and technologies in business, health-care, education and culture and entertainment, such as the Jarvisen Translator, the iFLYREC Intelligence Conference System, the Global Chinese learning platform and the MAXVAIR AI Smart Screen.

Afterwards ACC officials held a discussion with representatives of iFLYTEK. Mr. Dong Fei, Vice President of iFLYTEK International Cooperation Department, briefed on the company’s R&D concept and core technologies. Mr. Duan Dawei, Senior Vice President and CEO of iFLYTEK, elaborated on the features and advantages of AI development in China, the important role of iFLYTEK products and technologies played in the prevention and control of COVID-19, as well as the models and achievements of the company in international cooperation. Mr. Duan Dawei expressed the hope to expand cooperation with AMS in terms of technical support, AI plus education and the translation of minority languages. Visitors exchanged views with the company on the key fields of AI and the challenges to high-tech companies due to the current domestic and international situations.

b. Visited Great Wall Motor

On 19 September 2020, delegation of UN and international organizations stationed in China visited Great Wall Motor (GWM). GWM Rotating President Mr. Meng Xiangjun, Vice President Mr. Liu Xiangshang, Mr. Fu Xiaokang and Mr. Song Dongxian accompanied the visit. Mr. Wu Yabin, Director of Investment and Technology Promotion Office of the UN Industrial Development Organization, representatives from ACC, the United Nations Development Programme, Management Center of United Nations Office for Project Services, World Food Programme to China Representative Office joined the visit.

Mr. Meng Xiangjun
briefed on the global layout of GWM, and relevant persons in charged shared the overseas development of GWM and the information of key products with the delegation. Meanwhile, members of the delegation introduced the work of their respective organizations, major regions and programmes of overseas development projects, and fully affirmed GWM’s participation in international cooperation. During the stay with GWM, the delegation also visited GWM Xushui Smart Factory and HAVAL Technology Center.

c. Visited the Demonstration Zone of Local Economic and Trade Cooperation of China-SCO

On 23 September 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, visited the Demonstration Zone of Local Economic and Trade Cooperation of China-Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Jiaozhou, Shandong Province (hereinafter referred to as the SCO Demonstration Zone). Mr. Xiang Zhiqiang, Deputy Director of the SCO Demonstration Zone Management Committee, accompanied the visit. Secretary-General Mr. Chen Dehai toured around the exhibition hall and the Qingdao-SCO International Hall where he learned about the background, development history and future plan of the SCO Demonstration Zone. He exchanged views with the Management Committee on enhancing connection between ACC and the SCO Demonstration Zone to jointly build a new platform for the Belt and Road international cooperation.

As one of the deliverables of the SCO Qingdao Summit, the SCO Demonstration Zone will help Qingdao play a bigger part in the Belt and Road international cooperation, and make new ground in pursuing opening-up on all fronts for greater economic and trade cooperation with nations of SCO.

d. Organized Commercial Officials of AMS Diplomatic Missions to Visit Chengdu Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone

On 10 November 2020, ACC organized commercial officials of AMS diplomatic missions in China to visit the New Economic Industry Functional Area of Chengdu Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone (CDHT).
Altogether 20 representatives including Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, commercial counsellors and representatives of AMS diplomatic missions in China including Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as representatives of Chinese enterprises visited the New Economy Business Environment Hall of CDHT. Visitors learned about the zone planning, industrial clusters and key enterprises. Officials of AMS diplomatic missions experienced latest smart products and technologies such as service robots, smart home system and AI face recognition. The group also visited key enterprises in the zone including Lettin and GiMi, exchanging views with them on strengthening cooperation with AMS and promoting good coordination between ASEAN and China to develop digital economy.

Officials of the Management Committee of Chengdu Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, Foreign Affairs Office of Chengdu Municipal People’s Government and Chengdu Municipal Bureau of Economic and Information Technology accompanied the visit.

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

a. Attended the Opening Ceremony of Qinghai Eco-industrial Expo 2020

On the morning of 6 September 2020, the Qinghai Eco (Industry) Expo was held in Xining, Qinghai Province. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, was invited to attend the opening ceremony. Mr. Wang Jianjun, Secretary of Qinghai Provincial Committee of the CPC, Mr. Xin Changxing, Governor of Qinghai Province, Mr. Chen Jian’an, Vice President of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, H.E. Mr. Fernando Lugris, Ambassador of Uruguay, H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand, H.E. Mr. Jean Lois Robinson Richard, Ambassador of Madagascar to China together with other guests launched the Expo.

Diplomatic envoys from Argentina, Canada, Chile, Japan, Kenya, South Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, Rwanda and Serbia attended the opening ceremony and toured the Expo. With the theme of “Co-building Ecological Civilization and Sharing Development Achievements”,
the Expo set up four sections including ecological economy, ecological culture, international carpets and trade exhibition, covering an area of more than 40000 square meters.

b. Attended the 2020 Belt and Road Roundtable on Ecological Industry Cooperation and Development

On the afternoon of 6 September 2020, the 2020 Belt and Road Roundtable on Ecological Industry Cooperation and Development was held in Xining, Qinghai Province. The event was co-organized by Trade Development Bureau of Ministry of Commerce of China, Department of Commerce of Qinghai and CCPIT Qinghai Sub-council. Mr. Yang Fengchun, Vice Governor of Qinghai Province, Mr. Chen Jian’an, Vice President of CCPIT, and Mr. Wu Zhengping, Director-General of Trade Development Bureau of Ministry of Commerce of China attended and addressed the roundtable. H.E. Mr. Fernando Lugris, Ambassador of Uruguay to China, H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, H.E. Mr. Jean Lois Robinson Richard, Ambassador of Madagascar to China, H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC together with representatives of embassies from Argentina, Canada, Chile, Japan, Kenya, South Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, Rwanda and Serbia as well as international institutions attended and delivered keynote speeches.

Diplomatic envoys to China and representatives of international institutions shared their own measures and achievements in promoting the development of ecological industry, calling for jointly deepening cooperation in ecological industry, enhancing bilateral and multilateral exchanges and seeking green development.

c. Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 11th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire and Auto Accessory Exhibition

On 8 September 2020, the 11th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire & Auto Accessory Online Exhibition was successfully held at Guangrao International Exposition Center. H.E. Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Ambassador of Indonesia to China, Ms. Shwe Sin Oo, Commercial Counsellor of Myanmar Embassy in China, and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC delivered video remarks at the opening ceremony.
This exhibition was co-hosted by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and the People’s Government of Shandong Province. With the theme of “Branding in the World, Quality Winning the Future”, the exhibition was broadcast live on the Internet, and a series of activities such as online opening ceremony, online promotion of Chinese tire brands to overseas, corporation online promotion and sub forums were held.

d. ACC Representatives Attended China Forum on International Ecological Competitiveness 2020

On the morning of 20 September 2020, China Forum on International Ecological Competitiveness 2020 was held in Hulunbuir City, Inner Mongolia. The forum brought together ambassadors and embassy officials from Asia, Africa and Europe. Mr. Dino R. Kusnadi, DCM and Minister of the Embassy of Indonesia in China and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC attended the forum upon invitation.

The forum was co-organized by China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), National Committee of Population, Resources and Environment of the CPPCC, National Forestry and Grassland Administration and the People’s Government of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.
With the theme of “Pursuing Innovation-driven and Green Development to Build a Bright Future”, the forum aimed to explore a new path of ecological conservation and green development. In addition to the opening ceremony, the forum also held three parallel sub-forums, as well as project-matching related to green industry and research activities.

**e. Attended the 2020 East Asia Marine Cooperation Platform Qingdao Forum and Qingdao International Marine Week**

On 22 September 2020, the opening ceremony of 2020 East Asia Marine Cooperation Platform Qingdao Forum and Qingdao International Ocean Week was held in Qingdao City, Shandong Province. The Forum was co-hosted by the Ministry of Natural Resources of China and the Shandong Provincial People’s Government and organized by the Qingdao Municipal People’s Government. Mme. Gu Xiulian, Vice Chairperson of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People’s Congress of China declared the opening of the forum. Mr. Yu Guoan, Vice Governor of Shandong Province, Mr. Wang Hong, Vice Minister of Natural Resources of China and Head of the State Oceanic Administration and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended and addressed the opening ceremony.

Representatives of maritime authorities of Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore and other AMS and relevant international organizations delivered video speeches, expressing good will to strengthen practical cooperation and promote the development of the marine economy in East Asia. At the main forum, the “East Asia Marine Cooperation Research Report (2020)” was officially released and twenty-four key projects of “Investment Promotion and Expert Recruitment” have been launched in the West Coast New Area of Qingdao. Experts and scholars including Mr. Hou Yunchun, former Deputy Director-General of Development Research Centre of the State Council and President of China Enterprises Evaluation Association, made keynote speeches on new development pattern and innovation of maritime science and technology. With the theme of “Openness and Connectivity for a Smart Future”, the forum consisted of sub-forums, innovative competition and exposition, aiming to further deepen the opening-up and cooperation mechanism, create platforms for connectivity and sharing, and build the East Asian maritime community with a shared future.

**f. Visited the 2020 East Asian Ocean Expo**

On 22 September 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai visited the venue of the 2020 East Asian Ocean Expo with other guests of the Qingdao Forum. With an exhibition area of 30000 square meters, the exhibition is divided into eight exhibition areas including marine scientific research institutions, marine exploration, marine information, marine ranching and breeding, ocean ships, marine energy, oil and gas utilization and seawater desalination. The exhibition shows the latest development achievements in various fields of marine science and technology.
g. Participated in the 2020 East Asia Summit New Energy Forum

On 24 September 2020, the 2020 East Asia Summit New Energy Forum was held in Shanghai. The Forum was co-hosted by the Department of International Cooperation of Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology and Provincial Science and Technology Department of Yunnan Province. Representatives of ACC were invited to attend the forum.
At the forum, experts and energy scholars from research institutions in China, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, the United States, etc., gave speeches on their research results and practical experience.

The theme of this forum was “the Mission and Future of New Energy to Address the Challenge of Climate Change”. During the one-day event, participating experts and scholars joined parallel forums on the research and development of new energy technologies and products, research results, and policy recommendations, and conducted in-depth discussions on current and future development trends, cooperation models, and innovative development.

h. Set up the ASEAN Pavilion at the 18th CIGOEX

On 31 October 2020, the Poverty Alleviation Activities Held by National Non-Governmental Organisations in Grain and Agriculture Industry and the 18th China International Grain and Oil Expo (CIGOEX) opened in Hefei, Anhui Province. Mr. Deng Xiangyang, Vice Governor of Anhui Provincial People’s Government, Mme. Huang Ru, Deputy Director General of Bureau for Administration on Social Organisations of Ministry of Civil Affairs of China, Mr. Luan Richeng, President of China National Association of Grain Sector, Mme. Zeng Liying, President of CCPIT Grain Sub-council, Mr. Dao Viet Anh, Commercial Counsellor of Embassy of Viet Nam, Mme. Maha Ahmed, Deputy Country Director of World Food Programme China and Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC attended the opening ceremony.

ACC has participated in the CIGOEX for four consecutive years. In 2020, ACC overcame the adverse effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic and continued to organize ASEAN trade organizations and agents in China to further promote grain and oil products from AMS. The ASEAN Pavilion adopted an open booth design, which was fashionable, simple and eye-catching. Products such as palm oil and products, edible bird’s nest, coffee, drinks, dried fruit and nuts from AMS including Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam attracted a large number of people to taste, consult and purchase. The ASEAN Pavilion became one of the highlights of the international exhibition area of the event.

i. Attend the Opening Ceremony of the Chengdu Logistics Expo 2020

On 9 November 2020, the China (Chengdu) International Supply Chain and Smart Logistics Expo 2020 was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Mme. Huo Yuzhen, Special Representative of the Chinese Foreign Ministry for China-Central and Eastern European Countries (CEEC) Cooperation, Mme. Liao Chengzhen, Deputy Secretary-General of Chengdu Municipal People’s Government attended the ceremony and made remarks. Nearly 200 representatives from Chengdu Municipal Government and participating countries attended the event. Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC attended the opening ceremony.

At the invitation of the organizers, ACC brought the representatives from AMS embassies to attend the Chengdu Logistics Expo. Commercial Counsellors and other representatives from the embassies of Lao PDR, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam in China attended the opening ceremony and visited the exhibition.
(3) Participated in Activities Organized by International and Regional Organizations and Others

a. Attended the Launch of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) 2020 Flagship Report and Symposium on Regional Cooperation Prospects and Challenges under the Pandemic (online)

On 8 May 2020, invited by the Secretariat of Boao Asia Forum (BFA), Mr. Guo Chuanwei, Director of TID of ACC, attended the Online Launch of the BFA 2020 Flagship Report and Symposium on Asian Development Prospects and Challenges under the Pandemic. The event consists of keynote speeches, flagship report release, symposium and discussion. Nearly 300 people took part, including government representatives from China as the host country, diplomatic envoys to China, BFA members, representatives of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Asian Financial
Speakers from international financial institutions, regional international organizations and research institutions respectively introduced the measures and challenges of ASEAN, East Asia, Central Asia, West Asia, South Asia and EU to tackle the epidemic. They spoke highly of China’s measures and achievements in this aspect and stated confidence in strengthening cooperation and overcoming the epidemic. BFA 2020 Flagship Report Asian Economic Outlook and Integration Progress 2020 was released.

b. Attended the 2020 Extraordinary ASEAN-China Social Development and Poverty Reduction Forum

On 29 July 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended and addressed to the 2020 Extraordinary ASEAN-China Social Development and Poverty Reduction Forum co-hosted by the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development and ASEAN Secretariat. More than 80 delegates from relevant government authorities of China, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and representatives from international organizations, non-governmental organizations as well as media attended the Forum. Dr. TAN Weiping, Deputy Director-General of International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC), H.E. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat, H.E. Chivoan SAO, Secretary of State of Ministry of Rural Development of Cambodia, and H.E. Mr. Deng Xijun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to ASEAN attended the Forum and delivered remarks.

Representatives from China and ASEAN countries briefed on their fight against the epidemic and promotion of poverty alleviation, and discussed in details how to strengthen ASEAN-China cooperation to work together to deal with epidemic and its post effects, in order to realize the regional development goal of ASEAN. Representatives from UN Development Program, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Program, International Fund for Agricultural Development, UNICEF, World Bank and Asia Development Bank made presentations around the theme “Joining Hands & Fighting against COVID-19, Promoting Poverty Alleviation”, and shared experience on poverty reduction and combats with the epidemic. The participants agreed that the Forum further strengthened the exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China.

c. Attended the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium

On 28 August 2020, ACC attended the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium themed on “Enhancing ASEAN Cohesiveness, Responsiveness through Resilient Connectivity and Human Capital Development” upon invitation. Hosted by the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to ASEAN and supported by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) as well as the ASEAN Secretariat, the virtual symposium attracted over 150 participants from AMS and ASEAN Dialogue Partners, Sectoral Dialogue Partners and Development Partners, as well as international organizations, the private sector and other key stakeholders.

Against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, the symposium delved into three topics crucial for the region’s
recovery efforts: strategic investments in sustainable infrastructure and smart solutions; leveraging digital technologies to strengthen supply chain connectivity; and designing education and training for a future-ready workforce. Panelists from various backgrounds, experiences and expertise joined the discussion. Participants exchanged views on the way forward to mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and developing recovery strategies towards a seamlessly integrated ASEAN.

d. Attended the 11th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum and Beibu Gulf International Gateway Port Cooperation Summit

On 15 October 2020, the 11th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum and Beibu Gulf International Gateway Port Cooperation Summit was held in Nanning, Guangxi Province. With the theme of “Focus on International Portal Port, Build a New Land-Sea Corridor: A New Era of Pan-North Cooperation”, the forum was co-hosted by China National Development and Reform Commission, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Commerce, People’s Daily, People’s Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and Ministry of Commerce of Thailand and Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore. Government officials from China and AMS, well-known experts and scholars, industry people and news media attended the forum through online and offline ways. Representatives of ASEAN-China Centre attended the online forum upon invitation.
At the opening ceremony, the unified operation of Qinzhou International Container Terminal, the opening of the fruit express line from ASEAN (Cambodia) to Beibu Gulf Port, the launch of the container multimodal transport logistics base in Qinzhou, the launch of the Beibu Gulf International Portal Port and Shipping Interconnection Service platform, the launching ceremony of Guangxi Water Transport Port Development Fund, and the signing ceremony of a series of cooperation agreements were also held. In the afternoon, the working conference of ASEAN-China Port City Cooperation Network and the Pan-North think Tank Summit were also held, and the guests held in-depth discussions and extensive exchanges around the theme.

e. Attended the Launching Ceremony of International Young Entrepreneurs Club

On 28 September 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the Launching Ceremony of International Young Entrepreneurs Club & 2020 International Economic Cooperation Conference in Beijing. The activity was co-hosted by China Youth Center for International Exchange and China Youth Entrepreneurs Association. Mr. Fu Zhenbang, Secretary of the Secretariat of the Communist Youth League of China, Mr. Wang Yijun, Party Secretary of China Youth Center for International Exchange, Mr. Xu Huaping, party secretary of China Youth Entrepreneurs Association attended and addressed the launching ceremony.

The host made briefings on the organization structure and main targets of the newly established club. UNICEF and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees shared with entrepreneurs on issues including the current status and opportunities of international public procurement and south-south cooperation. Representatives from South Korea, Malaysia, China Youth Center for International Exchange and relevant provinces from China made presentation for their respective projects.

f. Attended the China-ASEAN Public Private Cooperation Forum on Combating COVID-19 Digitally

On 22 October 2020, the China-ASEAN Public Private Cooperation Forum on Combating COVID-19 Digitally,
which was hosted by Center for International Economic and Technical Cooperation of Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of PRC (CIETC, MIIT), was held in Beijing. Representatives from ACC, government, enterprises and media from both China and ASEAN, about 150 participants attended the forum upon invitation.

Ms. Fawania, Deputy Director General of Ministry of Post of Laos, Ms. Yang Yuyan, Deputy Director General of Department of Information Technology, MIIT, etc. attended the opening ceremony and delivered welcome remarks. Mr. Samuel Abanijani, Director General of ICT Application Department of Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of Indonesia, Mr. Li Yikai, Deputy Director General of CIETC, MIIT briefed about the role of digital economy in combating COVID-19 and development of international cooperation of digital economy. Representatives from Huawei, Tencent, iFLYTEK, China Mobile etc. shared with participants cases of using digital technology to fight against COVID-19.

【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, poverty reduction and regional integration. The activities have further promoted exchanges and understanding among government sectors, business associations and entrepreneurs, research institutes and media of AMS and China. The activities enhanced cooperation in areas of regional common interests including digital economy, environment protection and sustainable development. ACC’s engagement in green economy, digital economy, regional integration 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.
CHAPTER II
EDUCATION, CULTURE AND TOURISM
In view of the vigorous development 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 both sides.

In 2020, ACC actively completed a series of innovative and fruitful activities in the areas of education, culture and tourism with the strong support of the governments of ASEAN Member States, AMS Embassies in Beijing, relevant organizations and institutions. ACC actively promoted educational and cultural exchanges and developed new cooperative platforms so as to advance mutual understanding, appreciation and interaction between ASEAN and China for future 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 providing opportunities for our future leaders to build networks and friendship as well as deepen understanding and mutual trust.

【2. Activities】

Co-hosted the ASEAN-China Youth Winter Camp

The Camp was held in three provinces of Hainan, Jilin and Heilongjiang, China for two weeks in December 2019. 28 university students from AMS, China, the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Japan attended the camp. The camp was officially opened in Jilin University by Secretary-General Chen Dehai and representatives from the Embassies of Indonesia and Myanmar. Campers attended forums, lectures, visited universities and historic sites, and enjoyed
cultural experiences.

【3. Outcomes】

Through the Winter Camp, young students established profound friendship and further understood the significance of ASEAN-China strategic relations. ACC will continue to host and support youth exchange activities to make positive contributions and advance ASEAN-China Partnership.

Supporting ASEAN Students’ Activities

【1. Background】

More and more ASEAN students choose China as their favourable destination to pursue further study. They have a growing interest in promoting their respective cultures and learning more about the Chinese public. ACC worked closely with students and relevant institutions to deliver activities tailored to the needs of ASEAN students in China.

【2. Activities】

(1) Co-hosted with Chengdu Municipal Government the ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week in Chengdu, Sichuan

Co-hosted by ACC and the Chengdu Municipal People’s Government, the 2019 ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week composed of a series of activities, including exhibition of students’ photographic works, culinary arts workshop, Chinese traditional art design courses, ASEAN-China knowledge contest and the 2020 New Year’s Gala for ASEAN and Chinese University Students lasting from 24 to 30 December 2019.

Vice Mayor Niu Qingbao delivered opening remarks. He said that the 2019 ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week aimed to expand youth exchanges, promote mutual understanding and pass on the friendship to our future generations.

Thai Ambassador Arthayudh Srisamoot mentioned that the Exchange Week would bring about closer friendship among ASEAN-China younger generation, contribute to better ASEAN-China relations and further cooperation for mutual understanding and common interests of the region in the future.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that building a higher-level ASEAN-China strategic partnership calls for the concerted efforts from all walks of life and the active participation of the younger generation. It is of great significance for the future development and prosperity of our region to strengthen mutual understanding, mutual trust and friendship among youths. SG Chen hoped that all the young students would contribute with earnest passion to the friendly exchanges between ASEAN and China, carrying forward the traditional friendship, promoting people-to-people exchanges and contributing to the building of an even closer ASEAN-China community with a shared future.

During the Gala, university student representatives presented wonderful performances, with national cultural characteristics of ASEAN Member States and China in a warm atmosphere. On 29-30 December, the student performers from outside Sichuan took a cultural tour in Chengdu, attending activities that included tasting classical Sichuan dishes, making traditional delicious Chinese food dumplings, and learning to draw Chinese painting, animation image design and lacquer arts design. They also participated in the ASEAN-China youth knowledge contest and visited the Panda Breeding Base and Wuhou Shrine. During the ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week, students’ photo exhibitions were also displayed in Chengdu University from 24 to 30 December, as a platform to showcase the kaleidoscopic scenery of
ASEAN countries and China in the eyes of the youth.

As a major highlight, the Gala was attended by around 500 participants, including the Thai Ambassador to China H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, the Brunei Ambassador to China H.E.d Pehin Dato Rahmani, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Mayor Luo Qiang of Chengdu City, and AMS Embassies officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Viet Nam, as well as ASEAN and Chinese university students from different parts of China.

(2) SG Attended the Online Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship 2020

China’s Mission to ASEAN held online opening ceremony of ACYLS 2020 on 20, October. ASEAN Secretary General Lin Yu-hui, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Luo Zhaohui, and Elizabeth, Senior Official of ASEAN Affairs of the Philippine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other senior officials have attended and delivered opening speeches. H.E. Mr. Deng Xijun, Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN, and Noel, Philippine Permanent Representative to ASEAN have delivered closing speeches. Secretary-General Chen Dehai of ACC attended the event online upon invitation.

Mr. Luo Zhaohui, Vice Foreign Minister, said ever since 2018 the ASEAN-China Young Leader Scholarship has become one of the innovative flagship project of ASEAN-China cooperation and has played an important role as a platform for strengthening the third pillar of people-to-people exchanges. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, China and ASEAN countries have been working hand in hand to overcome difficulties and taking the lead in global epidemic prevention and control and economic and social recovery, which has fully demonstrated the profound strategic significance of bilateral relations. China will continue to encourage more outstanding ASEAN youth to study in China through this Scholarships. He also hoped that the students would make the most of their time studying and living in China, learn more about China, and become the inheritors and builders of ASEAN-China friendship from generation to
In their closing remarks, H.E. Mr. Deng Xijun and Ambassador Noel encouraged the scholarship students to seize the opportunity, cherish the youth and study hard, so as to shoulder the mission entrusted by the times and make contributions to the building of the community of common future and carrying forward ASEAN-China friendship from generation to generation.

【3. Outcomes】

(1) The Youth Exchange Week proved to be a significant platform for ASEAN and Chinese university students to exchange ideas, conduct cooperation, deepen mutual learning and establish friendship, which in the long run will contribute to the connection and cohesion among the future leaders of both sides. As the updated version of the previous New Year’s Gala, the Youth Exchange Week lived up to the expectations of the co-hosts with more themed activities and more influence. It is a good example of showing what difference it can make with a bit of innovation in top design.

The successful convening of the Youth Exchange Week showcases the good tripartite cooperation model among ACC, local governments and universities. It is a good illustration in terms of how ACC can expand the impact of ACC’s activities through mobilizing local resources and collaborating with different stakeholders.

(2) By 2020, all parties have overcome the impact of COVID-19 and successfully recruited nearly 40 ASEAN youths to study in China under the framework of ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship. In the future, ACC will continue to expand the bilateral flow of students and hold more short-term training programmes for AMS.

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 have attached great importance to vocational education and have the need to strengthen exchanges and cooperation. Especially in the post pandemic era, both ASEAN and China have urgent demands in stabilizing existing industrial chains and supply chains as well as reshaping them, which brings much broader prospect for bilateral TVET cooperation. In 2020, ACC adjusted TVET projects by adopting more online programs and collaboration that respond to bilateral demands.

【2. Activities】

Co-hosted the 2020 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programs

The online “2020 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum”, co-hosted by China Education Association for International Exchange and ACC, was held from 26 to 28 August 2020. Dr. Liu Limin, President of China Education Association for International Exchange, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Fang Jun, Deputy Director-General of the Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of the Ministry of Education of China, Yok Sothi, Director of National Institute of Technical Training of Cambodia, and other officials attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the Forum held on 26 August. Mr. Xie Li, Deputy Director-General of the Vocational Education and Adult Education Department of MoE, also participated and delivered a keynote speech.
President Liu Limin stressed that focusing on both the planning and distribution adjustment of global cooperation on production capacity as well as focusing on the demands of local development and its unique advantages, the two sides were expected to take this forum as an opportunity to jointly explore models of education cooperation under the normalized epidemic prevention and control so as to create more new brands and new highlights for vocational education cooperation. Deputy Director General Fang Jun pointed out that the Ministry of Education of China was willing to work with colleagues from ASEAN countries to discuss consensus, seek cooperation in the new normal and seek win-win results in new opportunities under the new situation, and jointly build a long-term mechanism for vocational education exchange and cooperation in the post-epidemic era. Yorke Sotti called on AMS and their Chinese counterparts to jointly develop effective measures to cope with potential changes in vocational education and adapt to the needs of industry development.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that vocational education is an important part of the national education system and human resources development, as well as a fresh force in the development of regional economy. In the post-epidemic era, China and ASEAN countries share an urgent need to stabilize the existing industrial and supply chain systems and reshape the structure of the industrial and supply chains, and there would be broader space for cooperation in vocational education. He said the two sides should make full use of the platform of the China-ASEAN Vocational Education Joint Exhibition and Forum, promote the integration of industry and education, strengthen the construction of standards and elevate the cooperation in vocational education to a new level.

The scale of participants was about 200, including about 50 representatives from AMS. Due to the impact of Covid-19, this year’s Forum and exhibition was implemented mainly through online platforms and WeChat deliveries.

[3. Outcomes ]

Having been successfully held for five consecutive years, the Forum has proved to be an important platform for strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation in TVET between ASEAN and China. During the forum,
representatives of Chinese and foreign cooperative institutions shared their experiences, presented joint achievements and planned for future collaboration.

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 and 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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 13th CAECW, which was planned to be held in Guizhou in August 2020, was postponed to 2021.

【2. Activities】

ACC kept close contact with the secretariat of the Organizing Committee of CAECW to explore new ways and modes to carry out activities and programmes throughout the year and contribute to the in-depth educational collaboration among China and ASEAN countries.

【3. Outcomes】

Through communication and collaboration with CAECW secretariat and promotion of CAECW events throughout the year, ACC further facilitated CAECW’s role as an important regional platform for people-to-people exchanges.

II. ACC’s Collaboration with SEAMEO

【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 centers on various projects.
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【 2. Activities 】

(1) ACC Representatives Attended the Online SEAMEO CDM 2020
The SEAMEO Centre Directors Meeting (CDM) 2020 was held online from 15 to 16 July 2020. The meeting was organized by the SEAMEO Secretariat and attended by directors of the SEAMEO Regional Centers as well as representatives of the SEAMEO associate and affiliate members and partners. Representatives of the Education, Culture and Tourism Division (ECTD) of ACC attended the online meeting. They briefed on collaborative programmes and activities in education and exchanged views on exploring future cooperation.

(2) ACC Representatives Attended the Online 43rd SEAMEOHOM
The 43rd SEAMEO High Officials Meeting was held from 30 November to 1 December 2020. ECTD of ACC participated in the Opening Ceremony and the Plenary Session to further understand the current situation of ASEAN-China education cooperation and grasp the policy trends.

【 3. Outcomes 】

Partnership between ACC and SEAMEO has been further strengthened through the online meeting, and the long-established cooperation mechanism have been running smoothly even within the COVID-19 epidemic period. The active exchanges between both sides raised mutual understanding on the new momentum in education development in such specially challenging period of COVID-19 in both ASEAN and China, which is definitely 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) Attended the 3rd ASEAN-China Forum for Private Higher Education Development and Cooperation
The 3rd ASEAN-China Forum for Private Higher Education Development and Cooperation & the 1st Annual Meeting of ASEAN-China Alliance of Private Higher Education Institutions (ACAPHEI) was held from 11 to 12 December 2019 in Sanya, Hainan Province. The forum was hosted by Sanya University and Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Higher Education and Development (SEAMEO RIHED), and ACC was the supporter of the event.

The Forum was attended by around 100 participants of 20 universities from China and 8 AMS including Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand attended the Forum. Ms. Tan
Ping, Vice Mayor of Sanya, Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Dr. Chantavit Sujatanond, Director of SEAMEO RIHED, Mr. Liu Baoli, Executive Secretary-General of the CAECW Organizing Committee Secretariat, and Mr. Lu Dan, President of USY attended the opening ceremony and delivered remarks. ACC representative attended the whole event.

(2) Co-hosted the Online Conference on Experience Sharing for ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health

On the afternoon of 19 May 2020, the Online Conference on Experience Sharing for ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health was successfully held. The conference was co-hosted by ACC, Peking University Health Science Centre (PKUHSC) and Mahidol University of Thailand.

Mr. Fang Jun, Deputy Director-General of Department of International Cooperation and Exchanges of MoE of China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Prof. Zhan Qimin, Executive Vice President of Peking University and President of PKUSC, and Prof. Prasit Watanapa, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital of Mahidol University attended the conference via video link and addressed the opening ceremony. Themed as “Diagnosis and Treatment Protocol, Prevention and Control of COVID-19”, the conference saw attendance of over 200 medical experts from 18 universities of China, including Peking University, Fudan University, Wuhan University and Sun Yat-sen University, as well as 22 universities of ASEAN countries, including Universitas Indonesia, University of Malaya and National University of Singapore.

Deputy Director-General Fang Jun congratulated the conference on its successful convening on behalf of the MoE of China. He said that the COVID-19 pandemic once again demonstrates our world is one community with a shared future. Only through cooperation and shared practices in a coordinated manner can we secure the win in our anti-epidemic battle. He wished to push forward a prevention and control mechanism for China and ASEAN, and guard against the epidemic
impact with actions on the ground in the spirit of openness and cooperation, thus maintaining public health security for
the region and beyond.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that since the outbreak of COVID-19, as good neighbors and friends, ASEAN and China have joined hands in fighting against this deadly virus through mutual support and assistance, which fully embodies the strategic significance of ASEAN-China relations. Chinese President Xi Jinping stressed in his speech at the 73rd Session of the World Health Assembly that the most urgent task is to make all-out efforts in COVID-19 control and treatment. It is necessary to step up information sharing, exchange experience and best practices, and pursue international cooperation on testing methods, clinical treatment, and vaccine and medicine research and development.

Prof. Prasit Watanapa said that virus respects no borders given the background of globalization. To share anti-epidemic experience and promote mutual learning between ASEAN countries and China is of great significance in contributing to the international cooperation in battling this pandemic within the region.

Prof. Zhan Qimin said given the fact that human beings share a common destiny, universities should give full play to the role of think-tanks, and make even greater contributions to the efforts by the governments of all countries in their response to this pandemic. He hoped that the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health will stick to its original inspiration, fully play its role as a platform by strengthening academic exchanges and cooperation, bringing all relevant parties in the joint response to our public health crisis in the region and around the globe.

During the conference, Prof. Qiao Jie, Executive Vice President of PKUHSC and President of Peking University Third Hospital, Prof. Zhang Wenhong, Director of Infectious Diseases Department, Huashan Hospital Affiliated to Fudan University, Prof. Tang Qizhu, Vice President of Wuhan University, Prof. Xu Kewei, Vice President of Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hospital, and representatives from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore also shared their experience and practices with topics covering a wide range including the role of universities in battling the novel corona-virus pandemic, prevention and control of its spread, treatment and diagnosis of severe cases, handling of common clinical problems and control of hospital transmission. Medical experts from various countries also had in-depth and practical exchanges on other issues of common interest, with a warm atmosphere.

(3) Secretary-General Chen Dehai Attended Plenary Session of 2020 China Annual Conference for International Education

The Plenary Session of 2020 China Annual Conference for International Education (CACIE 2020) was held in Beijing on 21 October. With the theme of “Education Globalization: For a Community of Shared Future for Mankind”, the conference focused on analyzing the direction of international education cooperation under the new situation and made useful explorations on the construction of a new pattern of global education for the future. At the opening ceremony, Chinese Minister of Education Chen Baosheng shared the Chinese government’s priorities in education development and approach to epidemic prevention and control for the education sector. He elaborated on further promoting education opening up and put forward the role education can play in building a community of Shared Future for Mankind. Datuk
Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad, Malaysian Minister of Higher Education, and Nikki Kerameus, Greek Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, delivered video speeches respectively. President Liu Limin of China Education Association for International Exchange presided over the opening ceremony.

Mr. Shen Xiaoming, Governor of Hainan Province of China, Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO, and Jim Rogers, famous international investor and financial professor, delivered keynote speeches.

H.E. Raja Dato’ Nushirwan, Malaysian Ambassador to China, represented the state of chief guest at the conference. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai also attended the event upon invitation.

(4) Met with Representatives of Relevant Universities and Educational Institutions in China to Explore Future Cooperation

Although COVID-19 prevented us from hosting events and organizing activities, ACC also used every opportunity to meet possible partners and plan ahead, which included the followings:

On 28 May 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Rui Hongyan, Secretary of the CPC Committee of Nanjing Tech University and Mr. Qiao Xu President of the University. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening educational exchanges and practical cooperation between Nanjing Tech University and ASEAN countries, especially using their expertise in Chemical Industry to train ASEAN professionals.

On 1 June 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Prof. Zhan Qimin, Executive Vice President of Peking University (PKU), President of Peking University Health Science Centre (PKUHSC) and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. The two sides had in-depth exchanges on strengthening educational exchanges and
cooperation between PKUHSC and ASEAN countries as well as advancing the work of the ASEAN-China University Consortium on Medicine and Health.

On 31 August 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mdm. Liu Jin, Director-General of Development of International Cooperation and Exchanges of Ministry of Education to discuss possible educational collaborations in future. On the same day, SG Chen also met with Mr. Wu Yaoting, Party Secretary of Hainan University and his delegation, planning to organize a trip to Hainan to study its initiatives in promoting Education and Innovation.

On 4 September, 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with delegates from Zhengzhou University and discussed possible cooperation in future.

On 22 September 2020, ECTD together with GACD met with Mr. Li Jianhua, Deputy Director
General of Foreign Affairs Office of Jilin Province, exploring future cooperation.

On 5 November 2020, ECTD together with GACD and IPRD met with delegates from China University of Petroleum (East China). ECTD introduced its flagship programmes in the field of education.

【 3. Outcomes 】

The establishment of the ASEAN-China Consortium on Medicine and Health serves as an important platform to strengthen mutual learning and practical cooperation between ASEAN and China in medical talent cultivation, medical scientific research, in particular in the aspect of fighting against the COVID-19. The platform provides an opportunity for experts and scholars of ASEAN and China to share successful experience on prevention and control of the COVID-19, and carry out practical exchanges on epidemic diagnosis and control, vaccine and drug research and development, as well as personnel cultivation, which also contributes to the maintenance of public health security for the region and beyond.

By attending the Forums and conferences and having exchanges, ACC has also consolidated and expanded its network of partners in the field of higher education, and further raised its profile as a bridge and link in facilitating ASEAN-China higher education collaboration. ACC will further tap its partnership potentials to deliver more meaningful collaborative projects between ASEAN and China, while experimenting on cross-regional exchanges of stakeholders in pursuing synergistic development in education.

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 development. In recent years, people-to-people and cultural exchanges have become a new bright spot in ASEAN-China relations. ACC took the opportunity to conduct colorful cultural activities to promote cultural exchanges and practical cooperation.

【 2. Activities 】

(1) Attended the Closing Ceremony of the 2019 Culture City of East Asia Xi’an Activity Year
The Closing Ceremony of the 2019 Culture City of East Asia Xi’an Activity Year and related activities were held in
(2) Attended the 36th China Harbin International Ice & Snow Festival

Upon the invitation of Harbin Municipal Government, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai, together with the representatives of AMS embassies in Beijing, attended the Opening Ceremony of the 36th Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival and related activities in Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province from January 4 to 6, 2020. H.E. Ms. Khek M Caimealy, Ambassador of Cambodia to China, H.E. Dato Basir Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei to China and spouse, Mrs. Listyowati, then Minister of the Embassy of Indonesia in China, representatives of the embassies of 10 AMS in China attended the above-mentioned activities.

Xi’an, Shaanxi Province from 10 to 12 December, 2019. Upon the invitation of Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, then Director of ECTD attended related events and exchanged views with invited guests on integrated development of culture and tourism and 10+3 cooperation. Working Conference of the Culture Cities of East Asia were also held during the occasions.
The delegation attended the Opening Ceremony of the 36th Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival, the meeting with Mr. Wang Zhaoli, Party Secretary of Harbin Municipality, the 36th Ice and Snow Festival Symphony Concert, Promotion of Harbin Free Trade Zone, Harbin Snow Sculpture Expo and so on.

(3) Attended the 2020 New Year Film Reception hosted by Chinese Film Association

On 10 January 2020, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the 2020 Chinese New Year Film Reception hosted by China Film Association (CFA) in Beijing. H.E. Dato Basir Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei to China and spouse, diplomatic envoys and representatives, international film associations from around 20 countries attended the event. Join efforts to create more opportunities for the exchanges between Chinese and foreign films in the future were discussed by the invited guests.

(4) Co-hosted the Photo Exhibition on ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges

From 7 to 14 August 2020, ACC and the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing co-hosted the “Walk Along Hand in Hand:
Photo Exhibition on ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges”, in celebration of the 53rd anniversary of ASEAN and the 29th anniversary of the establishment of dialogue relationship between ASEAN and China in 2020. The exhibition features pictures of exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in education, culture, tourism, media and other fields in the past two years, as well as “ASEAN in the eyes of Chinese friends” and “China in the eyes of ASEAN friends” series.

Mr. Chen Xiaodong, Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and diplomats from other AMS visited the exhibition at the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing on 7 August.

(5) Attended the Opening Ceremony of “Intangible Cultural Heritage of the World - Master Luozangdanba’s Thangka Art Exhibition”

On 16 August, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the Opening Ceremony of “Intangible Cultural Heritage of the World - Master Luozangdanba’s Thangka Art Exhibition” in Shenzhen. The event was hosted by China International Cultural Communication Center (CICCC). A total of 66 pieces of Thangka made by Master Luozangdanba were displayed at the exhibition, presenting the inheritance and development of China’s Tibetan traditional culture.

(6) Launched the Compilation and Release of the Pamphlets on ASEAN Culture Information

To continuously demonstrate the colorful cultures of ASEAN and the outcomes of ASEAN Social and Cultural Community Building, contribute more information to the general public for better understanding of the status quo of the ASEAN culture sector, since October 2020, ACC launched the compilation and release of the pamphlets on the key information on ASEAN culture. Main contents include the cultural heritage, intangible cultural heritage, cultural festival, culture and arts, ASEAN City of Culture, ASEAN cuisine, and the costumes and handicrafts of ASEAN, etc. The pamphlets are
expected to be printed and uploaded to ACC’s social network platforms after compilation.

【 3. Outcomes 】

The above activities provide an opportunity for ACC to build closer ties with AMS embassies, the local governments, non-governmental organizations, experts and local people of both ASEAN and China. 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-hosted the ASEAN Culture and Tourism Online Exhibition (ACTOE) at 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS)

The ACTOE was launched on 30 August on the official website of CIFTIS, within the framework of the Belt & Road Culture and Tourism Promotion Exhibition at 2020 CIFTIS. It was co-hosted by ACC and Beijing People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC), and supported by the embassies of the ASEAN Member States in China.

The exhibition takes viewers to ASEAN through the internet in the form of pictures and videos to enjoy splendid and diverse history and culture, breathtaking natural scenery and unique folk customs of the 10 AMS. Besides the ASEAN Image Display for 10 AMS, the embassies of Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand also participated in the Country Image Display.

The exhibition will be held online until May 2021, the opening of next year’s CIFTIS, and the exhibition contents
will be posted online permanently, with a view to echoing the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation and the Year of ASEAN Identity, introducing the culture and tourism resources of AMS, and enhancing mutual learning and promoting common development.

(2) Participated in the China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair 2020 with the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing

From 13 to 15 November 2020, the 2020 China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair (CCBF) was successfully held at the Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Centre. In the region of Asia and the Pacific, CCBF has established itself as a unique and leading hub for international cultural exchanges and all other professional activities surrounding contents for children aged 0 to 16. In the context of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 CCBF was designed as an offline and online event which brought together 386 leading publishers and children’s content players from 21 countries and regions across the globe. The fair showcased over 60,000 different books and held 308 events such as symposiums, book launches, reading promotion and live-streaming activities. The fair attracted nearly 20,000 visitors offline and its online participants and viewers exceeded 520,000. ACC and Royal Thai Embassy in China jointly took part in the fair, showcasing more than one hundred different books in both Thai and Chinese languages which drew quite a number of visitors.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of ACC and Mr. Rapipongs Banchong-Silpa, Deputy Consul General of Royal Thai Consulate General in Shanghai visited the fair and conducted extensive exchanges upon China-Thailand
practical cooperation in areas of education and culture. Director Wang also met with Mr. Wandi Adriano, Consul of Indonesian Consulate General in Shanghai. They discussed topics related to bilateral cooperation in fields of education, culture and tourism. During the exhibition, Director Wang met with Mr. Xu Jiong, Director of Shanghai Press and Publication Bureau and had an in-depth discussion over the status quo of the global children’s book market, China’s policies of “going global” and “bringing in”, and ASEAN-China future cooperation in children’s book industry.

(3) Attended the 3rd World Sichuan Cuisine Conference and the 12th China International Pickles Food Expo

From 13 to 16 November 2020, at the invitation of Meishan Municipal People’s Government, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai together with representatives of ASEAN diplomatic missions in China, visited Meishan City, Sichuan Province and attended the opening ceremony of the 12th China International Pickle Food Expo and the 3rd World Sichuan Cuisine Conference and related activities. H.E. Pehin Dato Rahmani, Ambassador of Brunei to China and his spouse, representatives of the Embassies of Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Viet Nam in China attended the above-mentioned activities.

On 16 November, the opening ceremony of the 12th China International Pickle Food Expo and the 3rd World Sichuan Cuisine Conference was held in Meishan. Mr. Yang Hongbo, Vice Governor of the People’s Government of Sichuan Province, Ms. Zhu Chunxiu, Vice Chairperson of the Sichuan CPPCC, Mr. Tang Huajun, Member of the Party Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, President of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Mr. Mu Xinhai, Secretary of CPC Meishan Municipal Committee, Mr. Hu Yuankun, Mayor of Meishan Municipal Government, Mr. Xing Ying, Executive Vice President of the World Federation of Chinese Catering Industry, representatives of the embassies of AMS in China, consulates-general of
Australia, Israel, Thailand, Japan, Pakistan, the ROK and Singapore in Chongqing and Chengdu, and relevant authorities, catering associations, enterprises and institutions attended the event. “World Sichuan Cuisine - Meishan Declaration” was released, and the signing ceremony of key projects was held. ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai, Ambassador H.E. Pehin Dato Rahmani delivered remarks at the opening ceremony. Ambassador Pehin Dato Rahmani gave an interview to local media after the ceremony.

On 15 November, the delegation of ACC and AMS diplomatic representatives met with Mr. Mu Xinhai, Secretary of CPC Meishan Municipal Committee, and Mr. Hu Yuankun, Mayor of Meishan Municipal Government. The two sides exchanged views and reached consensus on strengthening exchanges and cooperation between Meishan and AMS in the fields of people-to-people exchanges as well as economy and trade.

During their stay in Meishan, the delegation visited Shunlong Township, Danling County, Wawu Township, Hongya County, Sansu Shrine Museum, China Pickle Museum and the Exhibition Center of the China International Pickle Food Expo, accompanied by Ms. Wang Shulin, Vice Mayor of Meishan Municipal Government. They learned about the rural development, international culture and tourism industry, cultural heritage protection as well as the pickle food industry development in Meishan.

The 12th China International Pickle Food Expo and the 3rd World Sichuan Cuisine Conference lasted until 22 November. Diverse events including Sichuan Cuisine Literature Exhibition, Global Sichuan Cuisine Industry Development Conference, World Sichuan Cuisine Awards Conference, World Sichuan Cuisine Cooking Skills Competition, World Chinese Hotpot Banquet Competition were held. Catering enterprises and institutions from Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Thailand and Viet Nam also participated and set up booths in the Expo.

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 enhanced the awareness among general public and professionals about the potentials of ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation on cultural and creative industry, provided authoritative channels for ASEAN and Chinese enterprises and associations 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) Participated in CSCLF Delegation Visiting Shandong Province in Preparation of CAYFFM

From 18 to 20 December 2019, ACC representative was invited to participate in the delegation led by Mr. Yu Qun, Vice Chairman of China Soong Ching Ling Foundation to visit Jinan and Weihai in Shandong Province. The delegation met with the leaders of the local government, Foreign Affairs Office and Sports Bureau, Visited the Sports Stadiums,
in preparation of the “Soong Ching Ling Cup” ASEAN-China Youth Football Friendly Matches in the following years. CSCLF and Shandong Province expressed their strong willingness to work closely with ACC and the AMS embassies, continuously participate in ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and practical cooperation.

(2) Updated the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges

As a long-term internet information and activity platform, the Website for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges had published more than 500 pieces of news and information on ASEAN-China children’s activities since its launching in 2016. A column was set up on ACC’s website to synchronously update the news. Related information was also published on ACC’s official Weibo and WeChat. Since February 2020, the Website had updated several news on the joint efforts and mutual support of the youths and children of the AMS and China while fighting against COVID-19.

In consideration of making more connections with the public and enhance ACC’s role as an one-stop activity and information centre, a new version of the Website came into service in June 2020, introducing more people-to-people and cultural information as well as popular digital cultural resources of ASEAN and China online,
while updating of the news and important programs related to ASEAN-China Children’s friendship and cooperation.

(3) Collection of ASEAN Short Stories and the Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals

The Collection of ASEAN Short Stories and Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals was launched in 2019, in order to provide a platform to showcase the colorful cultures of ASEAN, and raise the awareness of the public about the knowledge of ASEAN. The project got lots of support from AMS embassies in Beijing and related ministries of AMS. By November 2020, short stories of Myanmar, Indonesia, Brunei and Lao PDR, information of cultural festivals of Myanmar, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei were posted on ACC’s website, Weibo and WeChat. The collected ASEAN short stories and the information of cultural festivals are expected to be printed after compilation.

【 3. Outcomes 】

The above exchanges and activities between the children of ASEAN and China strengthened mutual friendship and understanding through cultural exchanges, and provided great opportunities for both sides to learn their diversified cultures. By enhancing mutual understanding and interactions among the children, these activities also aim at promoting peace and stability of ASEAN-China relations for a long term.

Promoting the Quality of ASEAN-China Tourism Destinations

【 1. Background 】

In recent years, with the increasing two-way tourist traffic between ASEAN and China, tourism has become one of the three major pillars for people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN and China, and is playing an eye-catching role in social and economic development of both sides. For the time being, the tourist visits between ASEAN and China are being severely influenced by the pandemic and a new period of full recovery is yet to come. With much more information-related work and online data base, ACC helped tourism professionals and potential tourists better understand the unique and colorful travel routes of ASEAN and remains ready to promote ASEAN as a single destination.
【2. Activities】

(1) Attended the 39th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2020 and related activities

On 15 January, the 23rd Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers was convened in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam in conjunction with the 39th ASEAN Tourism Forum and chaired by H.E Dato Ali Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism of Brunei Darussalam, co-chaired by Dr. Thong Khon, Minister of Tourism of Cambodia and attended by ASEAN tourism ministers, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretariat, Secretaries-Generals of ACC, AJC and AKC and representatives of international tourism organizations including World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA). Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the meeting and delivered remarks.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai delivered a speech which first talked about the historic achievements of ASEAN-China strategic partnership in recent years. He observed that the ASEAN-China relationship is entering a new stage of all-round development, marked by growing political trust, closer high-level exchanges and fruitful practical cooperation. As a strong bond connecting ASEAN and China, tourism has its own unique advantages and growing demands for international exchanges and cooperation. The number of two-way visits between ASEAN and China in 2018 reached over 55 million, and in 2019 there were nearly 4500 flights per week shuttling between the two sides, and the number of two-way visits reached 60 million, maintaining the momentum of uninterrupted growth. ACC would continue to play its role and join efforts with its ASEAN partners to make greater contributions to the sustainable development of the ASEAN tourism industry.

The Meeting discussed important agendas including the outcomes of the 35th ASEAN Summit and Related
Summits, reports by ASEAN National Tourism Organizations and the joint press communiqué. Relevant issues were also consulted with international and regional tourism organizations. A series of tourism topics of common concern, such as strengthening multi-party collaboration for the ASEAN tourism industry, marketing ASEAN as one single destination, new trends of tourist preferences, improving travel conveniences, were also discussed at the Meeting. In 2019, ASEAN welcomed over 133 million international arrivals, an increase by 7% from 2018. The ministers hoped that this growth trend would continue in years to come.

The ASEAN tourism ministers expressed profound appreciation toward the role and achievements of ACC since its inception in 2011, which greatly contributed to the ASEAN tourism development and the people-to-people connectivity and understanding between both sides.

Secretary General Chen Dehai also attended the 19th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three (China, Japan and Republic of Korea) Tourism Ministers and a series of grand activities including the Royal Audience, Opening Ceremony of ATF 2020, Cambodia Night and ASEAN Tourism Awards Presentation. During his stay in Brunei, he also met Chinese Ambassador to Brunei Ms. Yu Hong and exchanged views on deepening Brunei-China tourism relationship.

From 12 to 13 January, the 51st Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) was held in Bandar Seri Begawan during the 39th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF). During the Meeting, Ms. Kong Roatlomang, Director of ECTD of ACC gave a detailed presentation on the role of ACC, the latest ASEAN-China tourism figures, ACC’s key achievements and completed tourism projects in 2019 and Work Programme 2020. She hoped that all ASEAN NTOs would continue to provide strong support to ACC for its successful implementation of 2020 projects. The ASEAN NTOs and the other relevant organizations appreciated ACC’s efforts and contributions towards the ASEAN tourism industry and expressed high interest in cooperating with ACC for its future activities.

On 14 January, the ACC representatives attended the 36th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three NTOs and exchanged views with the other delegates on further promoting the regional tourist flow and multilateral collaboration.

On the margins of the above Meetings, Ms. Kong Roatlomang also met and exchanged views with the officials of Indonesian NTO on co-organizing future tourism activities in Indonesia.

(2) Compiled and Distributed the Booklet of ASEAN Tourism Overview (2020) (Chinese version)

Comprising the latest information of all the ten AMS in terms of inbound tourist arrivals, international tourism receipts, service facilities, outbound departures, major tourism exchange events, etc. Such information is much needed in the Chinese market and serves to help relevant tourism entities and professionals better understand the status quo of the ASEAN tourism sector.

In the Foreword of this booklet, Secretary-General Chen Dehai states that ASEAN and China are facing historic opportunities toward a closer community of a shared future, and tourism is a highlight area in their people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation. In 2019, the two-way tourist arrivals between ASEAN and China surpassed 60 million, making a new breakthrough. Although for the time being, there exist challenges and difficulties for the regional tourism development, the future remains as bright as ever.

In past few months, ACC managed to distribute a large number of ASEAN Tourism Overview (2020) by posting to tourism authorities, travel agencies, universities and think tanks in different cities of China. They appreciated very much the efforts by ACC for improving the ASEAN-China tourism cooperation and partnership. And a short version of this booklet was also uploaded to the official website of ACC.

(3) Carried out Online Promotion of ASEAN Tourism and Culture Resources

Since June 2020. The AMS are endowed with rich natural and cultural resources and usually attract a great number of international tourists. To promote the ASEAN tourism, ACC electronized three popular pamphlets printed by ACC in past years, namely: Outdoor Adventure Tours of ASEAN, ASEAN Festivals Experience and 50 Golden Travel Routes. These pamphlets contain valuable information of the cultural and natural resources and hot travel routes in the ten AMS. In the past few years, these hard copy pamphlets were distributed at various travel show, conferences and forums and received very positive response. Now, they remain on the official website of ACC and are always available to the potential tourists.
(4) Co-hosted the ASEAN Culture and Tourism Online Exhibition

In conjunction with the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) since the end of August 2020 (see more above).

(5) Met with ACC’s Tourism Partners - International Mountain Tourism Alliance

On 12 August 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Fu Yingchun, Executive Secretary-General of International Mountain Tourism Alliance (IMTA) and his delegation. They exchanged views on strengthening tourism exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China, especially on the topic of mountain tourism development. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC also joined the meeting.

IMTA is a non-government, non-profit international organization established in 2017 with the approval of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, and voluntarily formed by destination management agencies, private tourism organizations, groups, enterprises and individuals of major mountainous countries and regions in the world. Guided by the vision of protecting mountain resources, preserving mountain civilization, promoting mountain economy and benefiting mountain communities, it is committed to improving the protection and utilization of mountain tourism resources, facilitating international tourism exchanges and business cooperation, reviewing and promoting the positive experience of mountain tourism development, enhancing the prosperity of mountain economy and promoting the sustainable development of mountain and ecotourism. In this regard, ACC and IMTA can support and cooperate with each other for mountain tourism undertaking in ASEAN and China.

Now, MMTA and ACC are in close contacts for future partnership.

(6) Met with ACC’s Tourism Partners - Guiyang Municipal Government

On 27 August 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC met with Madam Wei Dingmei, Deputy Mayor
of Guiyang, Guizhou Province and her delegation in Beijing. They exchanged views on co-hosting the ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week and other relevant issues concerning people-to-people exchanges and tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China, especially between ASEAN and Guiyang City. Ms. Zhou Hui, Deputy Director of ECTD of ACC also joined the meeting.

The Culture and Tourism Exchange Week is one of the flagship activities co-hosted by ACC and Guiyang Municipal Government, and deemed to be conducive to the sustainable development of the culture and tourism industry of Guiyang and its partnership with ASEAN.

(7) Attended the Fifth Conference of Hebei Tourism Industry Development

From 3 to 4 September 2020, the Fifth Conference of Hebei Tourism Industry Development was held in Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province with nearly 1,000 representatives from governmental authorities, domestic and overseas tourism organizations, major culture and tourism enterprises as well as think tanks by means of online and offline modes. The representatives of ACC attended the Opening Ceremony and other relevant activities of the Conference by online mode. The theme of the Conference was Beijing-Zhangjiakou Leisure Area, Vibrant Olympic City. A series of activities such as the Opening Ceremony, “Cloud Signing” ceremony, Familiarization Trip, Marketing Summit and Online Exhibition were organized. Zhangjiakou is the host city of the snow events of 2022 Winter Olympics. Now, it is sparing no efforts to build a new destination of Beijing-Zhangjiakou Sports Culture Tourism Leisure Area.

(8) Co-organized 2020 ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week 16-20 September

The Opening Ceremony of 2020 ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week was held in the Cool City of Guiyang, capital of Guizhou Province on 17 September 2019. H. E. Mr. Wang Shijie, Vice Governor
of Guizhou Province, H.E. Mr. Chen Yan, Mayor of Guiyang City, H.E. Raja Dato’ Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Malaysian
Ambassador to China and about 150 representatives from diplomatic missions of European, African and ASEAN countries
were present. H. E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended and delivered remarks.

In 2020 of ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation, Guiyang as the core area of the National Big Data Pilot
Zone and a well-known tourist destination has unique advantages on international exchanges and cooperation, especially
on its partnership with ASEAN. The Exchange week has been successfully held for 3 editions, and it has increasingly
become a brand name that can be further promoted and replicated. On the same day, Party Secretary of Guiyang City
Zhao Deming met Secretary General Chen Dehai and all the VIP guests participating in the Exchange Week. Secretary
General Chen Dehai also attended the business seminar, toured the halls of Import and Export Expo and also gave an
interview on ASEAN-China partnership and Guizhou’s cooperation with the ASEAN countries.

The 3rd ASEAN-China (Guiyang) Belt and Road Culture and Tourism Exchange Week featured Workshop on
Digital Economy and Culture & Tourism Industry Revitalization, Travel Presentation, Import and Export Expo and
technical tours to local key attractions.

(9) Supported and Attended the 7th Sichuan International Travel Expo and the 6th China (Sichuan)
International Tourism Investment Conference

On 25 September 2020, the opening ceremony of the 6th China (Sichuan) International Tourism Investment
Conference (SCITIC) and the 7th Sichuan International Travel Expo (SCITE) was held at the International Tourism Trade
Expo Centre in Leshan, Sichuan Province, combining offline and online platforms. Mr. Peng Qinghua, Secretary of the CPC Committee of Sichuan Province, Mr. Yin Li, Governor of Sichuan Province, Mr. Zhang Xu, Vice Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Dr. Thong Khon, Tourism Minister of Cambodia which is the Guest Country of Honor of the 7th SCITE, Dr. Mario Hardy, Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Asia Travel Association, and representatives from diplomatic missions of the ASEAN Member States in China, enterprises, think tanks and media joined the event. Secretary-General Chen Dehai of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), attended the opening ceremony and relevant activities.

Party Secretary Peng Qinghua declared the opening of the 6th SCITIC and the 7th SCITE. On behalf of the Sichuan Government, Governor Yin Li expressed his warm welcome to all the delegates from home and abroad. While maintaining the ongoing COVID-19 prevention and control, Sichuan Province pursues quality development approach for its tourism industry with aims of building Sichuan into a leading province for culture and tourism industry as well as important world-class travel destination.

In his video message, Dr. Thong Khon extended congratulations on the opening of the events and said Chinese investors and tourists are welcome to visit Cambodia.

During the opening ceremony, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with officials of Sichuan Province and Leshan City as well as diplomats of ASEAN countries, and exchanged views with them on deepening exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in various fields. He expressed his profound thanks to the governments of Sichuan Province, Leshan City and all the relevant partners for their long-time support to ACC. ACC would make strenuous efforts to improve people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation between ASEAN and Sichuan Province.

In the interview with local media, Secretary-General Chen Dehai shared his observation on the global tourism recovery alongside regular pandemic prevention and control. On the same day, the ACC delegation also attended Emei Tourism Forum and Leshan tourism promotion activity named “Emei Night”.

The 7th SCITE, with the theme of “new culture and tourism, new scenes and new technology”, lasted 4 days from 25 to 28 September. It included exhibition, forum, competition, events and various online and offline activities.

(10) Attended the Meeting on Mid-term Review of ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025

The Meeting on Mid-term Review of ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025 hosted by the Philippine Department of Tourism (PDOT) was held online on 14 October 2020. The delegates of the ASEAN Secretariat, AMS, ACC, AJC, AKC and the relevant international organizations attended the Meeting by video link.

The delegate of ASEAN Secretariat introduced the mid-term implementation of ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan 2016-2025 and the current challenges and opportunities under the new situation of COVID-19 pandemic. The delegate of PDOT released the basic information of the tourism sector in the ASEAN Member States and the proposals on inclusive and sustainable tourism development. ACC representative introduced the ongoing flagship tourism projects and suggested to strengthen exchanges and cooperation on areas of travel and tourism information sharing, product development and professional training. The delegates of relevant international organizations shared their understandings and suggestions on the hot topics including people-to-people exchanges, risks control and management and tourism recovery.

(11) Attended the 3rd World Tourism Alliance (WTA) • Xianghu Dialogue

From 13-14 November 2020, ACC attended the 3rd World Tourism Alliance (WTA) • Xianghu Dialogue in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the opening session and relevant dialogue activities. The other VIP delegates included Mr. Zhang Xu, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of China, Mr. Zhang Zexi, Deputy Chairman of Zhejiang Committee of the CPPCC, H.E. Mr. Myo Thant Pe, Myanmar’s Ambassador to China, H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Thai Ambassador to China, H.E. Mr. Rafael Dezclar Mazarredo, Spanish Ambassador to China, Mr. Duan Qiang, Chairman of WTA, Ms. Tong Guili, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Committee of Hangzhou, and Mr. Liu Shijun, Secretary-General of WTA.

Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary-General of World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) expressed his congratulations on the opening of the event in a video message. Deputy Minister Zhang Xu spoke highly of the WTA • Xianghu Dialogue.
being organized as scheduled and hoped that representatives from all sectors could share their valuable information and insights so as to jointly revitalize and develop tourism industry under the new normal conditions of regular prevention and control measures against the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairman Duan Qiang said all the stakeholders of the tourism sector should show unity and solidarity for sustainable industry growth following the outbreak of COVID-19. WTA is committed to bringing together all the relevant stakeholders of tourism sector for the benefit of our generation and beyond. Secretary-General Chen Dehai exchanged views with representatives from all sectors on deepening international tourism cooperation. ACC will strengthen its partnership with other international organizations including WTA and make unremitting efforts to enhance tourism cooperation between ASEAN and China.

WTA • Xianghu Dialogue 2020 lasted for two days from 13-14 November, featuring a range of topics including global tourism cooperation and management innovation, tourism development trends and tourism education developments with the theme of “Rebuilding Confidence & Embracing the New Normal in Travel and Tourism”.

(12) Attended China International Travel Mart (CITM) 2020

From 16-18 November, ACC participated in the China International Travel Mart (CITM) 2020 in Shanghai, and set up a pavilion which showcased ASEAN tourism and the latest achievements of ASEAN-China tourism exchanges. The representatives of ACC also exchanged views with other participants on further deepening tourism partnership. This promotional
activity of ACC had got great support from the Culture and Tourism Ministry of China.

Combining online and offline platforms and co-organized by the Culture and Tourism Ministry, Civil Aviation Administration of China and Shanghai Municipal People’s Government, CITM 2020 boasted over 1,500 participating organizations from home and abroad and about 45,000 square meters of exhibition area. The Guest Countries of Honor for CITM 2020 were AMS, namely, Brunei, Malaysia and Myanmar.

【3. Outcomes】

Through the implementation of this project, sharing tourism information and promoting ASEAN tourism as a single destination, ACC deepened tourism cooperation with related parties and improved its profile as a one-stop information and activities center. This project also helped promote people-to-people exchanges and practical cooperation between ASEAN and China.

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

【1. Background】

With the increasingly frequent two-way travel between ASEAN and China, more and more Chinese tourists are traveling to ASEAN. It sets higher requirements for the reception quality of related tourist services. Accordingly, the demand of Chinese language tour guides in ASEAN tourism industry is becoming stronger, especially in Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar. At the 45th meeting of ASEAN NTOs during the ATF 2017, representatives from AMS suggested to train Chinese language tour guide teachers through cooperating with international organizations.

ACC co-organized the training programme on Chinese language for tour guide teachers in previous years. ACC will continue to organize language experts from prominent tourism universities or institutions from China to hold Chinese Language Training programme for Chinese language tour guide teachers in ASEAN countries.

【2. Activities】

Co-organized the 3rd Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guides of ASEAN

From 3 to 5 November 2020, ACC co-organized the 3rd Chinese Language Training for Chinese Tour Guides of ASEAN with the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy of Republic of Indonesia and the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism (MICT) of Lao PDR. More than 120 tour guides and tourism employees from Indonesia and Lao PDR joined the online training. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Dino Kusnadi, Minister of Indonesian Embassy in Beijing, Mr. Khom Douangchatha, Director General of Marketing of MICT and 4 experts from Beijing Union University and CYTS International Travel Corporation attended the Opening Session on the morning of 3 November 2020.

Minister Dino stated that for thousands of years, the contacts and people-to-people exchanges between Southeast Asia and China have remained vibrant. For both Indonesia and China, tourism is an important industry. He spoke highly of the Chinese language training and similar activities under the new situation. This kind of online training was very timely and valuable and would help the tourism industry recover and maintain sustainable development.

Director General Douangchatha mentioned that the people-to-people connection between Laos and China had
become increasingly closer in the past years. With a bigger number of Chinese tourist arrivals, the tourism service facilities and employees in Laos are facing a big challenge. He thought the Chinese Language Training came at the right time and could definitely help the participants improve their Chinese skills and service capabilities.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that ASEAN and China are now joining hands in battling the COVID-19 pandemic and trying to revitalize economic growth. Human resources development could be one of the top priorities for the practical cooperation between ASEAN and China. In future, ACC will strengthen its cooperation with the tourism authorities of the AMS for such flagship projects as the Chinese language training.

The courses of Chinese language Training for Chinese Tour Guides of ASEAN 2020 focused on Chinese culture, language skills and market analysis, integrating tourism theories and market experience. As one of the flagship projects of ACC, it was initiated by the 45th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations during ASEAN Tourism Forum 2017 and was then carried out in Brunei Darussalam in July 2018 and in Cambodia in May 2019.

【3. Outcomes】

Through the implementation of this project, innovating the form of activities and improving the content of courses, ACC helped tourism practitioners in relevant AMS improve their Chinese language skills and understanding of Chinese traditional culture as well as the Chinese tourism market, develop human resources and improve development capabilities of tourism industry of relevant AMS. It also helped ACC accumulate rich experience for future continual implementation of the project.
CHAPTER III
INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
As a major medium for information dissemination, a main platform for elevating public relations, and a bridge for promoting people-to-people exchanges, media plays an irreplaceable role in enhancing information sharing, policy communication and people-to-people bonds between ASEAN and China. In 2020, despite the COVID-19 epidemic, the media of the two sides maintained in-depth exchanges and close cooperation under the theme of the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation and have scored new achievements.

Staying committed to “bridging the bridges”, ACC harnessed its own strength to create various opportunities for media of ASEAN countries and China to get connected and explore collaboration potentials between the two sides so as to promote our common aspirations. ACC has made conscientious and continuous effort to collect, analyse, disseminate and study information in various fields in order to provide accurate information in a timely, accessible and innovative manner. By doing so, we have been able to contribute solid information support to ASEAN-China cooperation. ACC also plays an active role in enhancing public awareness of ASEAN-China relations as well as ACC’s brand building by extensively reaching out to the general public in China, ASEAN and beyond.

In 2020, 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 four flagship projects, namely Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations, the ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum, the ASEAN-China Statistic Book and Media Exchange and Capacity Building. New attempts include organizing ASEAN-China Media & Think-tank Online Forum teleconferences, organizing and composing research papers on ASEAN-China media cooperation and ACC’s information work, facilitating exclusive interviews with AMS ambassadors on the occasions of anniversaries of bilateral diplomatic ties and providing analytical articles to mainstream media.

Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations

[1. Background]

The Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations (formerly known as “Lecture Series by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors”) is one of ACC’s flagship projects, aiming at raising awareness of ASEAN, promoting ASEAN-China relations and enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of ASEAN and China, especially among the young generation. Since 2012, ACC has organized for eight consecutive years over 14 lectures on ASEAN-China relations by ASEAN and Chinese Ambassadors as well as ACC SG in various universities in Beijing and other cities of China, which were warmly received by faculty members and students. From 2017 onwards, ACC has further expanded the project by 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.

[2. Activities]

ACC Successfully Held the “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” at Xi’an Jiaotong University
On 8 December 2019, ACC successfully held the 14th session of the “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations”
Professor Xi Guang, Vice President of Xi’an Jiaotong University, Dr. Suriya Chindawongse, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Mme. Mao Ning, Deputy Director-General of Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, other members of the 9th ACC Joint Council Meeting, representatives of ASEAN Secretariat and Foreign Affairs Office of Shaanxi Province attended the event.

Professor Xi Guang delivered welcome remarks. He briefed on the university profile and current academic exchanges and cooperation with higher education institutions in ASEAN countries. He expressed hope that this event would help stretch the horizons of faculty members and students and promote higher education cooperation with ASEAN countries.

ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated in his opening remarks that the purpose of holding ambassador level lectures was to enhance the awareness of the younger generations about ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations and promote friendship among the peoples. He encouraged young students to actively take part in the exchanges and cooperation with ASEAN, carry forward the friendship, and pursue more progress in ASEAN-China relations.

Dr. Suriya Chindawongse delivered a keynote speech entitled “Review of ASEAN-China cooperation and its future direction”. He pointed out that ASEAN countries and China are not only partners but also linked with kinship. With continued growth in political mutual trust, economic and trade cooperation as well as cultural and people-to-people exchanges, the two sides have also strengthened cooperation on international affairs, and promoted the overall relations to new heights, bringing benefits to the two peoples and contributing to regional and global stability, prosperity and development. He encouraged the young students to study hard and continuously improve themselves so as to make their due contributions to the development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Representatives from other AMS joined the panel session to share their perspectives on the future of ASEAN-China
relations and answered questions raised by the audience. Around 400 students and faculty members from Xi’an Jiaotong University, Northwestern Polytechnical University and Chang’an University attended the event and interacted with the panelists in a warm and inspiring atmosphere.

Prior to the lecture, Professor Xi Guang, Vice President of Xi’an Jiaotong University, met with the ACC Joint Council Meeting delegation and exchanged views on promoting cooperation between Xi’an Jiaotong University and ASEAN countries.

【 3. Outcomes 】

The lectures were successful and warmly welcomed by the students and faculty members. Students were active in raising questions about ASEAN-China relations. Interactions were in a warm and inspiring atmosphere.

Feedback from the audience were positive in that the lecture provided a good opportunity for young students to better understand ASEAN and ASEAN-China relations and to have in-depth discussion on issues of common concern.

By hosting the event, Xi’an Jiaotong University was able to present to AMS ambassadors and high-level officials its history and latest developments and to explore potential for expanding cooperation with ASEAN countries.

ASEAN-China Media & Think-tank Online Forum

【 1. Background 】

The year 2020 marks the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation. In line with the work programme of ACC for 2020, on 9 June 2020, ACC co-hosted the ASEAN-China Media & Think-tank Online Forum together with China International Publishing Group (CIPG) and Science and Technology Daily. The theme of the forum is “New Growth Points of ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation against COVID-19”. The purpose of the event is to ensure sustained economic growth despite of the enormous challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also aimed to strengthen exchanges between media and think-tanks to foster favourable public opinion for a closer ASEAN-China cooperation. The forum was organized by China Report Press and Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, CIPG.

The forum was held at the critical time when people of ASEAN and China are fighting against COVID-19. In the face of the impact of the epidemic, international organizations, media and think-tanks of ASEAN and China could play an even more important role in facilitating information sharing by making use of digital technology, strengthening digital economy cooperation and promoting ASEAN-China media and think-tank cooperation in the situation known as the “New Normal”.

Five ambassadors of AMS to China including Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand attended the forum. Seventeen economic and media officials of the 10 AMS embassies in China, representatives from three ASEAN media agencies in Beijing, and two think-tanks from Thailand and Singapore participated in the event upon invitation.

【 2. Activities 】

(1) Opening of the ASEAN-China Media & Think-tank Online Forum

On 9 June 2020, the opening of ASEAN-China Media & Think-tank Online Forum was held. Mr. Du Zhanyuan, President of CIPG, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Li Ping, President of Science and Technology Daily,
Mr. Jose Santiago L. Sta. Romana, Philippine Ambassador to China, Mme. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-chief of CIPG and President of China Report Press attended the forum and delivered opening remarks. Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir, Bruneian Ambassador to China, Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Indonesian Ambassador to China, Mr. Raja Dato’ Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Malaysian Ambassador to China, Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Thai Ambassador to China, Gen. Surasit Thanadtang, Chairman of Thailand-China Research Center of the Belt and Road Initiative, Mr. Thepchai Yong, President of Confederation of ASEAN Journalists, Mr. Dong Guoping, Senior Researcher of International Liaison Bureau of State Council Information Office of China, Mr. Irfan Ilmie, Chief of Indonesia Antara News Agency Beijing Bureau, and officials of the 10 AMS embassies, media representatives and experts from ASEAN countries and China, together with officials of international organizations, totaling around 70 people, participated in the event.

(2) Participants Shared Views at Two Sessions

Two sub-theme sessions were moderated by Mr. Dino Kusnadi, Minister of Indonesian Embassy in China and Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC respectively. Eight speakers shared their views on behalf of media and think-tanks from ASEAN countries and China on the two topics of “opportunities and potentials for ASEAN-China digital economy cooperation in the post COVID-19 era” and “facilitate information sharing between ASEAN and China by media and think-tanks”. They had in-depth discussion on how the media and think-tanks of ASEAN and China could give full play to their advantages to help strengthen digital economy cooperation and facilitate digital information sharing in the context of the COVID-19 epidemic.

During the event, multilingual e-book Keywords to Understand China: the Fight Against COVID-19 was also launched.

[3. Outcomes]

This online forum received positive response and participation from China and ASEAN countries, which reflected
their common aspiration to make timely contribution to the efforts to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic by coming together in solidarity. Thanks to the strong support and active participation of ASEAN colleagues from the 10 AMS embassies, as well as great efforts and thoughtful preparation of co-hosts and organizers, the forum achieved complete success.

This event was held among the media and think-tanks of ASEAN and China by means of digital technology. It not only aligned well the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, but also explored a new way for promoting exchanges between media and think-tanks of the two sides.

The forum further promoted exchanges and cooperation between media and think-tanks of ASEAN countries and China. The two sides reached consensus on working together to give a full play to media’s role of bridge and bond to boost the development of media relations of both sides in the digital age.

The forum was widely reported by ASEAN and Chinese media through various channels including China.org.cn, Chinadaily.com.cn, People.cn, Sina news, Huanqiu.com, Antara News, Facebook, etc. The video of the forum in both Chinese and English were launched via such influential media platforms as Xuexi.cn, China.org.cn., Bilibili, Sina.com and Tencent livestream, Youtube, etc. The common voice and opinions of ASEAN and China in the context of the epidemic were heard among the public and international community timely and extensively.

Through the forum, public awareness and understandings on ACC’s unique role, influence and efforts in promoting ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation was strengthened. ACC’s networking resources were enriched, which will facilitate the development of its cause in the future.

ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum

【 1. Background 】

The year 2020 marks the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation. In line with the Work Programme of ACC for FY 2020, ACC co-hosted with China International Publishing Group (CIPG) the 2020 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum on 23 October 2020 in Beijing. The forum aims to enhance media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China in the digital age and discuss the role of media in strengthening public health cooperation and promoting poverty alleviation under the new normal conditions to achieve sustainable development in China and ASEAN. The forum is advised by the State Council Information Office (SCIO) and organised by China Report Press and Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies.

The theme of the forum is “upgrading ASEAN-China strategic partnership through mutual assistance and cooperation”. Two sub-theme sessions were arranged around the topics of “new opportunities brought by digital economy to ASEAN-China media cooperation” and “the role of media in regional public health governance and poverty elimination”. The forum was organized in the form of a combination of on-site and online conference.

In the context of the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020 and as countries around the world are fighting the protracted battle against the pandemic, ASEAN and China should strengthen cooperation in joint response to the ongoing challenges. International organisations, media and think-tanks of ASEAN and China could play an even more important role in promoting digital economy, public health and poverty reduction.

Thanks to the strong support of the 10 AMS embassies in China and the joint efforts of all hosts and organisers of the forum, two ambassadors of AMS to China including Brunei and Malaysia attended the forum. Malaysia Ambassador delivered opening remarks. Fifteen economic and media officials of the 10 AMS embassies in China, representatives from two ASEAN media agencies in Beijing, and six media representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines,
Thailand, Singapore and Viet Nam made online and on-site presentation at two sub-theme sessions. Media representatives from Brunei, Cambodian, Myanmar and Lao PDR participated in the event online among other guests. Around 70 people were present in total.

【2. Activities】

On 23 October, the 2020 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum co-organised by China International Publishing Group (CIPG) and ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) opened in Beijing. Mr. Kung Phoak, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Mr. Raja Dato’ Nushirwan, Ambassador of Malaysia to China, Mr. Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Arief Suditomo, News Director and Editor-in-Chief of Metro TV Indonesia, Mr. Guo Weimin, Vice Minister of State Council Information Office (SCIO), Mr. Du Zhanyuan, President of CIPG, Ms. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CIPG and President of the China Report Press, Ms. Yang Ping, Vice President of Academy of Contemporary China and World Studies, representatives from government, media, academia, business community of AMS and China as well as representatives from international organisations attended the event.

The theme of the forum was “upgrading ASEAN-China strategic partnership through mutual assistance and cooperation”. Participants shared experience with each other and had discussions on future cooperation. They exchanged views on how media of the two sides could give full play to their advantages to help fight against COVID-19, recover socio-economic development, and promote the positive energy of ASEAN-China solidarity, so as to contribute to ASEAN-China relations.

Vice Minister Guo Weimin stated that media have witnessed and documented the development of China-ASEAN relations, participated in and promoted the cooperation between the two sides for mutual benefit. Against the backdrop
of COVID-19, media from China and ASEAN countries should take on the responsibility to speak out, build consensus and inspire people, so as to create a favorable public opinion environment for regional development and global economic recovery. They should uphold the vision of building a community with a shared future and promote the building of a global community of health for all. They should take digital economy cooperation as an opportunity to elevate economic and trade cooperation to a new level. They should strengthen media exchanges and cooperation to lay a solid foundation of public support for friendly cooperation.

Deputy Secretary-General Kung Phoak applauded China in its efforts towards controlling and mitigating the spread of the pandemic, expressed appreciation for China’s assistance to ASEAN, and commended ASEAN-China Centre for its continuous efforts to promote media exchanges and cooperation as well as people-to-people exchanges between ASEAN and China. He stressed that ASEAN-China economic relations is stronger than ever, that the two sides have nurtured greater friendship between the peoples through forging people-to-people exchanges, and that media exchanges and cooperation have become an integral part of ASEAN-China relations. This year’s Media Cooperation Forum is timely and relevant, as the two sides could discuss how to utilise new digital technologies to strengthen the role of media, raise public awareness on sustainable development, and further strengthen media’s capacities in developing informative and accurate information and media products.

President Du Zhanyuan mentioned that at present, both China and ASEAN Member States are faced with the dual tasks of epidemic containment and economic growth. Media from both sides can do much to improve the quality and efficiency of China-ASEAN relations. They should make more reports on the positive results of ASEAN-China joint prevention and control measures, increase information sharing on vaccine cooperation, and strengthen regional public health governance. They should leverage the advantages of the media in synergizing digital economy policies, developing new models of the digital economy, and sharing cases of new business models to promote cooperation in digital economy. They should help share useful experience and good practices in poverty reduction, and contribute wisdom and strength to the cause.

Ambassador Nushirwan noted that among ASEAN’s many dialogue partnerships, ASEAN plus China stands out as the most vibrant pair with the most substantial cooperation. Next year, the two sides will celebrate the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations and step up cooperation. It’s only fitting that the theme of the forum echoes the important role that media plays in nation-building and regional cooperation. Under the new circumstances, media of the two sides should strengthen exchanges on public health, poverty reduction, urbanization and environmental protection. In the face of the challenges posed by the epidemic, they should deepen pragmatic cooperation and explore innovative ways to serve people better.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai stated that media serves as a window and bridge for ASEAN countries and China to share information, enhance mutual understanding and promote practical cooperation. It is even more so against the backdrop of the COVID-19 epidemic. Media from the two sides should focus on pandemic containment and work resumption, follow such topics as digital economy and poverty reduction, tell heartwarming stories of mutual support and friendship, demonstrate outcomes of win-win cooperation and set up a good image for regional cooperation. ASEAN and China should deepen communication in media policy, regulation and development plan, and enhance the depth and width of media cooperation. They should work together to enhance communication capabilities by strengthening technology cooperation, and adapting to the development trend of new media, especially mobile communication, which is becoming more social, personalized and video-based.

Media management members, journalists and think-tank representatives from AMS and China, focusing on the two topics of “new opportunities brought by digital economy to ASEAN-China media cooperation” and “the role of media and think-tank in regional public health governance and poverty elimination”, held in-depth discussions on how to seize the opportunities of digital economy to give a fresh impetus to media cooperation as well as socio-economic development. They also explored ways to enable media to play a greater role in promoting regional cooperation in public
health governance and poverty elimination. All speakers noted that as digital economy is gaining greater influence across the globe, the media industry is bracing for a revolution featured by both challenges and opportunities. Media of two sides should keep pace with the times in pursuit of innovation-driven development and make greater contributions to deepening ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

At the forum, leaders from China and ASEAN witnessed the launching of multilingual e-book Keywords to Understand China: Targeted Poverty Elimination, which is translated into English, Indonesian, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese languages.

On the sidelines of the forum, ACC and CIPG signed Memorandum of Understanding for Strategic Cooperation.

3. Outcomes

This is the third year in a row that ACC co-hosted with CIPG the ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum. This online forum was held at the moment when ASEAN and Chinese people are coping with the dual tasks of jointly fighting against the COVID-19 and reviving economy under the new normal conditions. Thanks to the strong support of ASEAN Secretariat and active participation of ASEAN colleagues from the 10 AMS embassies and media representatives from ASEAN countries, as well as great efforts and thoughtful preparation of co-hosts and organisers, the forum achieved complete success. Its success was mainly manifested in the following four aspects:

1. Strongly boosted the development of ASEAN-China relations. The forum focused on ASEAN-China cooperation in digital economy, public health governance and poverty reduction. The participants exchanged experience, presented the stories of mutual benefit and win-win outcomes, enhanced friendship through communication, creating a favorable public opinion environment for the overall development of ASEAN-China relations.

2. This event was held online and offline simultaneously. It not only highlighted the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation and created a warm and friendly atmosphere with grand ceremony on site, but also explored a new way for communication via internet and promoting exchanges between media of the two sides by means of digital technology.

3. The forum further consolidated the mechanism for media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN Member States and China. Building on the success of two previous forums, ACC continued its efforts to institutionalise the platform of media forum against the backdrop of the epidemic and tried its best to set up a more stable and smoother channel to better facilitate media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China. The forum now has become a key brand event for ASEAN-China media exchanges.

4. The common voice and opinions of ASEAN and China were heard loud and clear. The forum was reported by ASEAN and Chinese media through various channels including Xinhua News Agency, People’s Daily Online, CCTV, China.org.cn, Sina news, Global News Online, etc. The video of the forum in both Chinese and English were launched via such influential media platforms as Xuexi.cn, China.org.cn., Sina.com and Tencent livestream etc.

5. Through the forum, both ACC’s profile and its cooperative relations with its long-term working partners such as CIPG and China Report Press were further enhanced. On the sidelines of the forum, ACC and CIPG signed Memorandum of Understanding for Strategic Cooperation. Public awareness and understandings on ACC’s unique role, influence and efforts in promoting ASEAN-China media exchanges and cooperation was strengthened.

6. This forum further enhanced the role that the media could play in the digital age to achieve substantial, stable and sustained outcomes in ASEAN-China cooperation and inject new impetus into regional stability and prosperity. It is suggested that ACC should continue its efforts to build this forum platform better, further enhance its influence and innovate the way of organising the forum, meanwhile, make full use of new media and digital technology to better facilitate media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China, and organise more online & offline activities in the future to make more contributions to the development of the ASEAN-China relations. 2021 will be the ASEAN-China
Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. It is suggested that to echo the theme of the year 2021, ACC should design, plan and carry on more activities to promote media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China.

**Strengthening ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation**

1. **ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai Attended the Closing Ceremony of ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges 2019**

   On 23 December 2019, the closing ceremony of the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Mr. Gao Jianmin, Vice Minister of National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA) of China, Mr. Tewan Liptapallop, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister’s Office of Thailand, Mr. Lyu Jian, Ambassador of China to Thailand, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, and about 300 representatives from governmental departments, media agencies as well as international organizations from ASEAN and China, attended the ceremony.

   In his remarks, Vice Minister Gao Jianmin said that the past year highlighted numerous media activities and achieved brilliant outcomes, lending new impetus to and writing a new chapter in further deepening media exchanges and cooperation between ASEAN and China. He believed media from both sides would continue to join hands for win-win cooperation along with the development of ASEAN-China relations.

   Minister Tewan stated that the ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges benefitted all AMS, injecting lasting impetus to the mutual understanding and friendship among peoples in the region. He expressed willingness to further strengthen exchanges and cooperation with Chinese media.

   The celebration included cultural performance by artists from ASEAN countries and China, and the Awards Ceremony of ASEAN-China Short Video Competition.

   On the same day, Secretary-General Chen Dehai was invited to attend the High-level Forum co-hosted by the NRTA of China and the Government Public Relations Department of Thailand, and had extensive exchanges with participants of government, business and other sectors from China, Thailand and other ASEAN countries.

   The ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges was launched in February 2019. Since then, around 50 key activities have been jointly implemented by ASEAN and China, covering eight areas including featured reporting, joint production, professional training and new media, which have raised media cooperation between ASEAN and China to a new height.

2. **SG Chen Dehai Met with Chinese Media Representatives to Review Achievements of the Work in 2019 and Give Prospects of the Work in 2020**

   On 27 December 2019, SG Chen Dehai met with Chinese media representatives to review what has been achieved
and what could be done to make the coming year a greater success. The representatives were mostly Chinese journalists who have taken part in the reporting trips to ASEAN countries in 2018 and 2019, and thus had gained bountiful hands-on experience in promoting ASEAN-China relations. They were from 14 media organizations, including Guangming Daily, China Daily, People’s Daily Online, Xinhua News Online, Global Times Online, China Report, China Report ASEAN, Sina and Tencent News. The agencies, both nationwide and local, operated both traditional and new media. Most of the journalists were born in 1980s or 90s, and their stories would appeal more to the younger generation.

(3) ACC Held Online Workshop on Social Media

On 29 April 2020, ACC held an online workshop themed “Utilizing Social Media to Promote National Image”. Mr. Yang Yanxin, General Manager and Mr. Han Xuyang, Chief Editor of Social Media Operation Department of Sina.com, were invited to make a presentation. H.E. Pehin Dato Rahmani Dato Basir, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to China, attended the event among over 30 officials in charge of information, culture, tourism and education affairs from embassies of all the ten AMS to China, as well as media officials from ACC.

The workshop gave an overview of the latest development of social media in China, shared some hands-on experience through case studies and discussions on how to promote national image through social media platforms, and gave quite a few useful tips on PR management of crisis and fake news.

AMS officials appreciated this workshop, saying that it had helped them better understand the operation of social media in China and offered valuable reference on how to better interact with Chinese netizens by providing accurate information in a timely manner and arranging diverse online activities. They expressed expectations that ACC would organize more activities of this kind. As an outcome of this workshop, the Malaysian Embassy in China opened its official Weibo account in May 2020.

(4) ACC Exchanged Views with Sina Corporation

On 16 July 2020, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC, headed a delegation to visit the Headquarters of Sina Corporation and met with Mr. Yang Yanxin, Managing Director of Social Media Operation Division of Sina.com.
The two sides exchanged views on strengthening cooperation between ACC and Sina Corporation, deepening ASEAN-China exchanges in the field of information and media, and promoting mutual understanding among peoples.

(5) Delegation of Indonesian Embassy to China Visited ACC
On 3 August 2020, a delegation from the Indonesian Embassy to China visited ACC. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC, met with the delegation. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening people-to-people and cultural exchanges and media cooperation between Indonesia and China.
(6) ACC Exchanged Views with CHINADAILY.com.cn
On 6 August 2020, Ms. Li Xin, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CHINADAILY.com.cn visited ACC. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC exchanged views with her on further strengthening cooperation between the two sides.

(7) Networking Meeting with Chinese Media Management Personnel
On 13 August 2020, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC, met with Chinese mainstream media representatives from People’s Daily Online, China Media Group, China Daily Online, Global Times Online and China
Report ASEAN. The two sides exchanged views on how to keep up the momentum of ASEAN-China media exchanges and people-to-people ties amid global spread of COVID-19.

(8) ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai Led a Delegation to Visit JD Headquarters

On 1 September 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), led a delegation to visit JD headquarters in Beijing and held discussions with the latter. Heads of all ACC divisions participated in relevant activities.

Mr. Yan Xiaobing, Senior Vice President of JD.com Inc, President of JD 3C & Home Appliance and Head of Southeast Asian Affairs Department, briefed on the development history and business operations of JD. In recent years, with a goal of expanding its business overseas, JD has increased investment and made progress in ASEAN markets including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. He looks forward to strengthening exchanges and collaboration with ACC to deepen cooperation with ASEAN countries. Heads of JD Worldwide, JD Logistics, JD Retails, JD Digits, and JD Industry Development departments also gave a snapshot of their respective functions and performance.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that ASEAN has always been a priority in China’s neighborhood diplomacy, and is also a priority region in the BRI international cooperation. In recent years, ASEAN and China have deepened their political mutual trust, and fostered stronger economic ties and more extensive people-to-people exchanges. In particular, since the beginning of this year, ASEAN and China have been working together to fight the COVID-19 epidemic and restore regional economic activities. ASEAN-China trade volume has scored a trend-bucking surge of growth, and ASEAN has become China’s largest trading partner, indicating huge potential for cooperation. In 2020, which marks the Year of ASEAN-China Digital Economy Cooperation, the two sides will foster more new growth areas for cooperation.
in cross-border e-commerce, scientific and technological innovation and other areas. As a leading e-commerce enterprise in China, JD has achieved great success to the amazement of the Chinese nation and beyond, and enjoys favorable conditions for expanding the market in ASEAN under the current circumstances. As an inter-governmental organization co-founded by ASEAN Member States and China, ACC is ready to facilitate business expansion efforts by JD and other Chinese high-tech enterprises in ASEAN to the best of its capability so as to contribute to ASEAN-China practical cooperation.

The delegation also had a guided tour around JD home, JD self-service supermarket, JD vision, JD corporate cultural exhibition hall and JD virtual command centre, during which they learnt about the company’s history of development and the latest achievements in unmanned delivery technology, warehousing and logistics, intelligent solutions, immersive shopping experience, etc.

(9) Online International Conference on “Securing a Decisive Victory in Building a Moderately Prosperous Society • Share China’s Poverty Alleviation Program-ASEAN Media’s View on China’s Poverty Alleviation” Held with Support of ACC

On 18 September 2020, the Online International Conference on “Securing a Decisive Victory in Building a Moderately Prosperous Society • Share China’s Poverty Alleviation Program-ASEAN Media’s View on China’s Poverty Alleviation” was successfully held. The conference gathered around 30 participants online and offline, including government officials, experts, scholars and media representatives from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam. Mr. Wang Hao, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of China Daily, and Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), delivered remarks via video.

Deputy Editor-in-Chief Wang Hao stated that China has always been an active advocate and strong promoter of global poverty reduction. Over the years, China and ASEAN countries have carried out frequent cooperation in poverty reduction with fruitful results. In the face of the dual challenges posed by the pandemic and poverty alleviation, media, as a window for mutual understanding between people from various countries and a bridge and link for multinational
communication and exchanges, should tell the poverty alleviation stories well, make an objective and rational voice, promote the dissemination of science-based knowledge, learn from each other and share useful experience. Only in this way can we overcome the pandemic, eradicate poverty, build consensus and convey confidence.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai pointed out that poverty reduction is one of the common challenges facing the international community. With the Covid-19 pandemic posing severe threat to the anti-poverty efforts worldwide, the international community should enhance coordination and exert joint efforts to end poverty in all its forms everywhere. ASEAN and China should seize on the new round of technology revolution and industrial transformation and provide more job opportunities for the poor by using the platform of digital economy. The two sides should bring into full play media’s role in enhancing mutual learning and experience sharing in poverty reduction, and work together to eradicate poverty in the region and build a closer ASEAN-China community with a shared future.

In-depth discussions were conducted centring on two issues: “Sharing China’s Poverty Alleviation Programme” and “Prospects of China-ASEAN Poverty Alleviation Collaboration”. The participants highly commended China’s success in poverty alleviation, applauded the significant progress jointly achieved by ASEAN and China in this field, and put forward pertinent suggestions on the prospects of the future cooperation in poverty reduction between the two sides. Mr. Sreng Sataro, Minister Counselor of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia, and Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of Information and Public Relations Division of ACC, made brief summaries at the conference.

The conference was hosted by China Daily and supported by ACC, of which the video recording was released on CHINADAILY.com.cn.

(10) ACC Representatives Had Discussion with Diplomats from the Royal Thai Embassy in China

On 22 September 2020, Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of Information and Public Relations Division of the ASEAN-
China Centre (ACC) visited the Royal Thai Embassy in China along with several other ACC officials. The two sides exchanged views on how to keep up the momentum of ASEAN-China cooperation in media exchanges and other fields.

(11) ACC Organised a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and Journalists Stationed in Beijing to Visit Hunan

From 24 to 29 October 2020, ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) and China International Publishing Group co-hosted a familiarisation trip for diplomats and journalists from ASEAN Member States (AMS) stationed in Beijing to visit Hunan Province. Headed by Mr. Dino R Kusnadi, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Indonesian Embassy in China, the delegation consisted of diplomats from nine AMS embassies, namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as journalists from Viet Nam and Malaysia. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Ms. Chen Shi, Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CIPG and President of China Report Press joined in all activities of the delegation.

The delegation travelled to Changsha City, Fenghuang Ancient Town of Xiangxi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture and Jishou City successively. During the visit, Mr. Zhang Hongsen, member of the Standing Committee of Hunan CPC Provincial Committee and Head of Publicity Department of Hunan CPC Provincial Committee, Mr. Chen Gang, Head of Publicity Department of Changsha Municipal Committee, Mr. Jiang Hongxin, Secretary of CPC Committee of Hunan Normal University, Mr. Liao Lianghui, Deputy Secretary of Xiangxi Autonomous Prefecture Committee, officials from local governments and university leaders met with the delegation.

The delegation visited Hunan Normal University, attended the launching ceremony of “ASEAN-China Research Center for Cultural Communication” of Hunan Normal University, visited Yuelu Academy, Orange Isle, Sany Group company, Sunward Intelligent Equipment company, National Intelligent Connected Vehicle (Changsha) Test Zone,
Malanshan Video Cultural and Creative Industrial Park, Hunan Broadcasting System (Mango TV), held a small symposium with Changsha Xiangjiang New Area Management Committee, explored local poverty alleviation projects in Zhushan Village, Shibadong Village and Mayang Miao Autonomous Prefecture.

Through the visit, the delegation gained more insight into the historical, cultural, economic and social development of Hunan, saw Hunan’s achievements in developing advanced manufacturing industry, digital economy, targeted poverty alleviation and cultural and tourism industry, and held in-depth discussions on further expanding exchanges and cooperation between AMS and Hunan in various fields.

Participating diplomats and journalists from AMS stationed in Beijing thanked the organisers and the Hunan Provincial Government for their meticulous organisation and thoughtful arrangements, deeming the visit to be a fruitful one. They expressed their appreciation of Hunan’s profound history and culture, beautiful eco-environment and great achievements in socio-economic development, including advanced manufacturing, digital economy, poverty alleviation and other fields. In relation with poverty alleviation, they deemed that China’s successful efforts in lifting the poverty in Hunan can also be implemented in other developing countries.

The delegation pledged to share what they have seen and heard in Hunan with people in their home countries, and expressed willingness to facilitate practical cooperation and people-to-people and cultural exchanges between AMS and Hunan in various fields. They found the trip unforgettable and look forwarded to more such visits in the future, which they believe would build more bridges for deepening exchanges between AMS and Chinese provinces.

Hunan Satellite TV, Hunan Daily, Rednet.cn, Xiangxi Autonomous Prefecture TV and other Hunan local media and Guangxi Satellite TV followed and covered various activities along the trip. AMS diplomats gave several media interviews to share their feelings and experience.

(12) ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai Attended the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Forum on Online Audio-Video Industry

On 12 November 2020, the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Forum on Online Audio-Video Industry was held in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. The forum was hosted by the National Radio and Television Administration (NRTA) of China and organized by Sichuan Radio and Television Bureau and Sichuan Radio and Television. Mr. Yan Chengsheng, Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation Department of NRTA, Mr. Chen Junjie, Counsellor of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Ms. Kijima Yoshiko, Minister of Embassy of Japan in China, Mr. Kim Sang Hyun, Director of Korea Creative Content Agency’s Beijing Business Centre attended and addressed the forum. Mr. Martin Andanar, Secretary of the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) of the Philippines and Mr. Kem Gunawadh, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Information of Cambodia delivered remarks via video. The event gathered around 80 participants including government officials, representatives from audio-video industry and media of AMS, China, Japan and ROK.

Deputy Director-General Yan Chengsheng stated that there is huge market space for APT cooperation in online audio-video channels, content, technology, capital and talents. All parties should seize the opportunities, and deepen practical cooperation to realize high-quality and common development of the online audio-video industry. He put forward a few points of suggestions, including strengthening policy communication for better governance, enriching content for the benefit of people on the receiving end, and promoting technical exchanges and cooperation to boost the economic and social development of APT countries. China is ready to work with all parties to build APT cooperation in online audio-video industry into a new engine for regional exchanges and cooperation, and make greater contributions to lasting prosperity and stability in the region.

Counsellor Chen Junjie said that since its setting-up more than 20 years ago, the APT cooperation mechanism has grown into one of most full-fledged and fruitful mechanisms in Asia, making important contributions to regional peace, stability, development and prosperity. It was hoped that all participants could build consensus, pool wisdom and join efforts through the forum, take full advantage of online information spreading, which was wide in scale, fast in speed and...
flexible in forms, to create more high quality audio-video works with positive energy favored by the peoples, and present East Asian countries’ stories on promoting peace, solidarity, development and cooperation to lay a solid foundation for sustained and steady progress in East Asia cooperation.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai pointed out that the development of such technologies as 5G, big data, cloud computing, AI, internet of things and virtual reality has brought profound changes to the traditional media industry. The fast-growing online audio-video industry is now taking the lead in international communication. The need and potentials for cooperation in this field have been further unleashed. APT countries should keep abreast of the development of new technologies and meet people’s growing demand by promoting policy dialogue and institution building, strengthening supervision and guidance, and actively adapting to the development trend of new media, so as to realize the common development in online audio-video industry, create a favorable public opinion environment for the development of relations among APT countries, and make greater contributions to regional prosperity and people’s well-being.

Minister Kijima Yoshiko and Director Kim Sang Hyun respectively briefed on the development of the online audio-video industry in Japan and ROK as well as their own governments’ incentive policies, and in the meantime made recommendations on international cooperation. They expressed willingness to work with other countries to continuously deepen international exchanges and cooperation in online audio-video industry.

The theme of the forum was to “Strengthen Exchanges and Mutual Learning and Deepen Industry Cooperation”. The participants held in-depth discussions on policy and regulations, business models, content creation and technology cooperation of online audio-video industry to map out blueprint of the industry development together and shared their perspectives, insights and experiences. They actively explored effective ways within the 10+3 framework to deepen practical media cooperation among APT countries and promote the development of the industry in the region in the context of global pandemic, and made pertinent recommendations. Mr. Arianto Surojo, Director of IPRD of ACC made a presentation at the sub-theme session upon invitation.
ACC Continued to Reach out to the General Public

(1) Facilitated an Interview with the Philippines Ambassador to China
In April 2020, ACC facilitated an exclusive interview with Mr. Jose Sta. Romana, Ambassador of the Philippines to China on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of Philippine-China relations. The written interview was later published in China Report ASEAN (May 2020).

(2) Facilitated an Interview with the Indonesian Ambassador to China
In September 2020, ACC facilitated an exclusive interview with Ambassador Djauhari Oratmangun of Indonesia to China on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Indonesia-China relations and the 75th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia. The written interview was later published in China Report ASEAN (September 2020).

(3) Composed a Research Paper on ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation
In May 2020, ACC composed a research paper entitled “An Overview of ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation”, part of which has been released on ACC website.

(4) Composed a Summary Report on ACC’s Information Work
In June 2020, ACC composed a summary report entitled “ACC as Information Centre”, combing through ACC’s information work over the years. The report is available on ACC website.

(5) Provided Articles for China Report
In 2020, ACC begins to provide analytical articles to China Report. So far, the following six articles have been published: “ASEAN and China Standing Together in the Fight Against COVID-19”, “ASEAN and China Joining Forces to Cope with Climate Change and Strengthen Ecological Cooperation”, “ASEAN and China Sharing Opportunities for Digital Economy Cooperation”, “Universities from ASEAN and China Join Forces in the Fight Against COVID-19”, “ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Has Entered a New Stage”, and “ASEAN and China Keep up Cooperation Momentum Despite the COVID-19”.

(6) Issued Newsletter
In 2020, ACC issued Newsletters No. 32 to 34 (Winter 2019, Spring/Summer 2020 and Autumn 2020) with circulations of 500 per issue. The newsletters were widely distributed to the governments and relevant authorities / agencies of AMS and China as well as the general public. The newsletters are aimed to raise awareness of ACC and its role as an information and activities centre, and contribute to enhancing trade, investment, tourism, education, culture, tourism, information and media cooperation between ASEAN and China. The
newsletters could also be downloaded through ACC website and WeChat platform.

(7) Operated ACC Website and Online Social Media

Guided by the principle of accuracy, timeliness, practicality and innovation, ACC is committed to building a new media platform with its official website serving as the main channel, and social media including Wechat and Weibo as useful supplement. In early 2020, ACC launched a brand new version of its official website, which is more user-friendly and aesthetically-pleasing. In 2020, we uploaded altogether 288 pieces of press releases on ACC official website, 735 Weibo posts and 1,750 Wechat posts.

(8) ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai Attended Musical Performance “Ode to the Earth”

On 6 November 2020, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, attended the debut of the grand epic musical performance “Ode to the Earth” at the Chinese National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing.

The musical is based on real characters from Shibadong Village in Hunan Province, and tells a story about their unremitting efforts of poverty alleviation. The two-hour play, by using innovative artistic techniques in the form of a diary, shows Hunan’s determination and courage in carrying out projects of targeted poverty alleviation, and captures how proud and happy the local people feel, having achieved success in the process.

ASEAN & China in Figures

【1. Background】

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

【2. Activities】

The 2018 ASEAN & China in Figures was printed and distributed in April 2020. Electronic version of this booklet is posted on ACC website and WeChat platform for easy access.

【3. Outcomes】

The booklet is designed to harness the role of ACC as a one-stop information centre and provide information to the public on ASEAN-China cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism and other fields. It helps raise public awareness of the sound development of ASEAN-China relations, enhance mutual understanding between the people of both sides, and provide practical reference for promoting exchanges and cooperation.
ACC Held the 9th Joint Council Meeting

The 9th Joint Council Meeting of ACC was held in Xi’an on 8 December 2019. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Suriya Chindawongse, Director-General of Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and Ms. Mao Ning, Deputy Director-General of Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Mr. Chen Dehai, ACC Secretary-General, heads of all divisions of ACC, representatives of AMS and ASEAN Secretariat attended the meeting.

Members of the Joint Council highly commended ACC’s efforts and fruitful achievements in highlighting ASEAN-China Year of Media Exchanges and promoting cooperation in various areas. It was hoped that ACC would keep up the good work, focus on ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation and priority areas of ASEAN-China cooperation in 2020, strengthen the cooperation in digital economy, e-commerce, connectivity, smart cities and blue economy, enhance its one-stop information function and further deepen people-to-people exchanges to achieve new development of ASEAN-China relations.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai thanked members of the Joint Council for their long-term and strong support to ACC and himself. He said that 2020 would be an important year for witnessing deeper and broader development of ASEAN-China relations. ACC would seize the opportunity of ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation to actively implement the important consensus reached by leaders of both sides, further review the valuable opinions and suggestions.
raised by the members of the Joint Council, expand cooperation in key areas, extensively promote people-to-people and think tank exchanges, and build more cooperation platforms for the governments and enterprises of both sides, so as to push forward the ASEAN-China relations to a new stage.

**ACC Attended the UNFCCC COP25 China Pavilion Side Event “ASEAN-China Regional Cooperation on Climate Change”**

On 12 December 2019, the China Pavilion Side Event “ASEAN-China Regional Cooperation on Climate Change” was held successfully on the sidelines of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change the 25th Conference of Parties (UNFCCC COP25) in Madrid, Spain. This Event was co-hosted by Global Climate Action Initiative (GCAI) Secretariat, Institutes of Science and Development of Chinese Academy of Sciences (CASISD) and Global Environmental Institute (GEI). Mr. Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of China’s Ministry of Ecology and Environment, Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, Mr. Li Haiyan, Secretary-General of GCAI, Mr. Wang Yi, Standing Committee Member of Chinese National People’s Congress and Vice President of CASISD, Mr. Zhang Jiqiang, Steering Board Chair of GEI, as well as government officials, experts, representatives of NGOs and enterprises from China and AMS such as Indonesia and Myanmar attended the event.

In his opening remarks, Vice Minister Zhao Yingmin said that climate change is a major threat and an urgent challenge facing all mankind, which requires concerted efforts of the international community. As developing countries, China and ASEAN countries share common challenges and great potential for cooperation in addressing climate change.
China is willing to strengthen policy dialogue and practical cooperation with ASEAN in terms of climate change adaptation and mitigation, mangrove protection, disaster prevention and early warning, to create new highlights for ASEAN-China cooperation and jointly make contributions to the global campaign on climate change.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai said that with the ASEAN-China relations entering a new phase of all-around development, the cooperation between the two sides on climate change has been progressing rapidly. The 22nd ASEAN-China Summit in early November injected new impetus into the ASEAN-China strategic partnership and further broadened the prospect for cooperation on climate change, green development and blue economy. ACC will step up its efforts to push forward such cooperation between the two sides.

In his key-note speech, Mr. Wang Yi briefed on China’s experiences in ecological and environmental protection could lend strength to ASEAN-China cooperation. To realize low-carbon and climate-resilience transition, ASEAN and China should transform growth model and promote structural reform, set prioritized areas, adopt nature-based solutions, promote cooperation on regional mangrove conservation and deforestation-free agro-products trading, so as to pursue green development featured by inclusiveness, cooperation and mutual benefit.

In the following panel discussion, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC gave a presentation on ACC’s efforts in promoting ASEAN-China cooperation on climate change. She said that there is no time to lose, and ACC is ready to play a bigger and more active role in promoting ASEAN-China cooperation on climate change and sustainable development.

ACC Representative Gave On-line Lecture to University of International Business and Economics of China

On 29 May 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division (GACD) of ACC gave an on-line lecture to the University of International Business and Economics of China. Her lecture mainly focused on ASEAN-China relations, basic information of ACC, recruitment of interns and employment of assistants of ACC and training of international talents.

Over 400 students from the University attended the lecture, which received 8000 plus thump-ups.

ACC Held the 1st Session of 2020 JEB Working Group Meeting

On 10 June 2020, the First Session of 2020 Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting of ACC was held at the ACC Secretariat. Representatives from the Department of Asian Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and Embassies of AMS in China attended the meeting. The meeting was hosted by Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, and co-chaired by Mr. Pham Ba Viet from Embassy of Viet Nam in China.
and Mr. Ma Xiaohui, Deputy Director form the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Heads of all divisions of ACC were present.

Ms. Wang Hongliu thanked JEB members for their strong support to the ACC Secretariat. She noted that the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 is an unprecedented challenge to the world. AMS and China responded quickly and wasted no time rendering each other timely support and working in concert to cope with the spread of the pandemic. ACC has been following closely the communication and cooperation among the parties and keenly aware of the Joint Statement of the Special ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit on COVID-19 as well as the Joint Statement of the ASEAN and China Special Foreign Ministers’ Meeting on COVID-19. ACC was willing to facilitate AMS and China to effectively implement the above-mentioned Joint Statements within its mandates, and looked forward to continued guidance and support from all JEB members.

Mr. Pham Ba Viet said that the pandemic had seriously affected the economy and public health of all countries. It’s of great significance that ASEAN and China have showed great solidarity in fighting against the virus. 2020 marks the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, which has been further highlighted in the context of the epidemic. He believed that new progress would be made in the ASEAN-China mutually beneficial cooperation.

Mr. Ma Xiaohui said that China and ASEAN had been standing closely together in difficult times and set a perfect example for global cooperation in the fight against the pandemic. To echo the theme of ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, the two sides would carry out a series of activities to strengthen digital economy cooperation in public health, smart cities, artificial intelligence and e-commerce, with a view to achieving bigger progress in China-ASEAN relations.

Heads of ACC divisions reviewed the progress of each division since the 9th Joint Council Meeting held in December 2019 and outlined the work plan for the next stage. Representatives of JEB members commended the efforts made by the ACC Secretariat, and put forward ideas and suggestions on the implementation of relevant cooperation projects in 2020. They pledged full support to and close collaboration with ACC Secretariat as always. By doing so, they wished to achieve
even more fruitful achievements of ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

ACC Representative Participated in Online Symposium of New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor

On 3 July 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division (GACD) of ACC participated in an Online Symposium of New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor hosted by Sichuan International Studies University (SISU).

In her speech, Ms. Wang Hongliu elaborated on the advantages and challenges for promoting connectivity between ASEAN and China, and ACC’s role in promoting the Corridor. Furthermore, in this current situation, it is important to harness academic resources to help sectors especially in education, culture, tourism and healthcare to go global, as well as to address the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the ongoing connectivity projects in the region.

Officials from Ministry of Education of China and Chongqing Municipal Government, representatives of industrial associations and enterprises, academia from National University of Singapore among others, and students and staff of SISU joined the event.
ACC Secretary-General Attended ASEAN Flag Raising Ceremony

On 7 August 2020, the Royal Thai Embassy in capacity as Chair of the ASEAN Committee in Beijing held an ASEAN Flag Raising Ceremony. Mr. Chen Xiaodong, Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister, H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, and diplomats from other ASEAN countries attended the ceremony. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC, accompanied by heads of all divisions of ACC was present upon invitation.

Ambassador Arthayudh and Assistant Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong delivered remarks respectively. Ambassador Arthayudh said the Flag Raising Ceremony is a showcase of close exchanges, solidarity and cooperation among ASEAN countries in the past 53 years. COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges to ASEAN countries in terms of daily life and production, social and economic development. ASEAN countries are committed to building a people-centered ASEAN Community and jointly coping with the current and future challenges. This year marks the 17th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the 29th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations. The ASEAN-China partnership has become the pillar of regional peace, prosperity and stability. ASEAN countries appreciated China’s support for the building of ASEAN Community and ASEAN centrality in regional cooperation, commended China for sending medical materials and expert teams to ASEAN countries to help fight against the pandemic. Thailand appreciated the positive role played by the ACC in promoting the development of ASEAN-China relations and thanked ACC for co-organizing the “Walk Along Hand in Hand: Photo Exhibition on ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges” with the Royal Thai Embassy in conjunction with today’s activity.

Assistant Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong congratulated ASEAN on its 53rd anniversary, welcomed ASEAN
becoming the fifth largest economy in the world and the first sub-regional community in Asia. China and ASEAN countries have supported each other in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, setting a good example for international cooperation. ASEAN has become China’s largest trading partner in the first half of this year, once again demonstrating the huge potential for cooperation between the two sides. During the 26th ASEAN-China Senior Officials’ Consultation held last July, the two sides agreed to strengthen anti-pandemic cooperation and the alignment of each other’s development strategies, prepare for the leaders’ meeting and other major events, and promote greater progress of the China-ASEAN relations in the post-pandemic era.

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed the Photo Exhibition on ASEAN-China People-to-People Exchanges with great interest.

Symposium on Cooperation between ASEAN and China after the COVID-19 Pandemic Successfully Held

On 28 August 2020, ACC, the Royal Thai Embassy in China and China Foundation for International Studies (CFIS) co-hosted the Symposium on “New Opportunities & New Partnership - Cooperation between ASEAN and China after the COVID-19 Pandemic” in Beijing. Government officials, public health specialists, scholars, media and business representatives from ASEAN countries and China had in depth discussion on how to strengthen pandemic prevention, promote public health cooperation and create new driving force of growth for regional economy.

Mr. Lan Lijun, President of CFIS said that China and ASEAN member states, by standing closely together in fighting against COVID-19 and restarting economic activities, have demonstrated what it means to build a China-ASEAN community with a shared future and set a good example for global anti-pandemic efforts. In the post-pandemic era,
China and ASEAN countries should take advantage of the new opportunities brought by digital economy, and harness their comparative strengths to promote cooperation across the board. The two sides should, on the one hand, consolidate medium and long-term cooperation in health care and build a “community of health for all”, and on the other hand, continue to improve and enhance the existing cooperation mechanisms in various fields, keep up the sound momentum of development in economy, trade and cultural exchanges and cultivate new growth points for cooperation.

H.E. Mr. Arthayudh Srisamoot, Ambassador of Thailand to China, said that in the face of the additional challenges and uncertainties posed by COVID-19, ASEAN countries need to stand together and work closely with China and other external partners and members of the international community. ASEAN appreciates China’s achievements in its fight against COVID-19, and is grateful for China’s assistance to ASEAN, especially for its contribution to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund. As the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations approaches, ASEAN and China need to explore cooperation at a higher level in the areas of digital economy, medicine, humanitarian assistance and non-traditional security issues, so as to open up brighter prospects for our strategic partnership.

Mr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, said in response to the unprecedented adverse impact presented by COVID-19 to the region, ASEAN and China gave full play to their long-term friendly relations, worked together in the face of crisis, and made great progress in fighting the epidemic. The two sides could attach more importance to cooperation on supply chain connectivity, digital transformation and sustainable development, further pursue different approaches to overcome the epidemic, resume work and production, and build a new comprehensive cooperative partnership.

Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC stated that the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 has brought deep impact to the economy and people’s lives all around the world. Amid the complex and changing situation, ASEAN countries and China have faced the challenges head-on, strengthened policy coordination for new growth, and expanded cooperation in trade, infrastructure, smart city, Internet of Things (IOT) and digital epidemic prevention. It is a dual task for all countries to jointly fight against the pandemic and resume work and production. China’s strong rebound of its economy in the second quarter brings good opportunities for regional economic development. To adapt to the “new normal”, ASEAN and China need to foster greater synergy between the “Belt and Road Initiative” and ASEAN development plans, take advantage of digital means to inject new vitality into economic growth and achieve the sustainable development goals.

The meeting conducted in-depth exchanges on three sub-topics: the retrospect and prospect of ASEAN-China partnership, creation of new driving forces under the “new normal”, and the public health cooperation between ASEAN countries and China, which were all warmly received.

Around 150 participants, including ambassadors of Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia and other countries to China, Secretary-General Masataka Fujita of the ASEAN-Japan Centre, Secretary-General Lee Hyuk of the ASEAN-Korea Centre, diplomats from 27 countries, and government officials from ASEAN countries attended the symposium online or offline. Domestic and foreign media, including China Media Group, People’s Daily Online, Global Times Online, China Daily and the Star of Malaysia covered the event.

**ACC Held the 2nd Session of 2020 JEB Working Group Meeting**

On 3 September 2020, the Second Session of 2020 Joint Executive Board (JEB) Working Group Meeting of ACC was held in Beijing. Representatives from Department of Asian Affairs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of China and embassies of AMS in China attended the meeting. The meeting was hosted by Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC, and co-chaired by Mr. Nguyen Minh Tuan, First Secretary of Embassy of Viet Nam in China and Mr. Ma Xiaohui, Deputy Director of Regional Cooperation Division of MFA of
China. Heads of all divisions of ACC were present.

Ms. Wang Hongliu thanked JEB members for their strong support to the ACC Secretariat. She said that although the dark cloud of pandemic has not totally dispersed, all countries in the region are seeking recovery and resuming development under the new normal. The Secretariat has been paying close attention to the pandemic situations of China and ASEAN countries, keeping close contact with all parties concerned, and has always been standing ready to facilitate AMS and China to enhance cooperation, coordination and connectivity during and after the pandemic period. In the 2020 ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation, ACC would continue to do its best to push forward the scheduled activities and projects in the relevant fields and its six priority areas, and looked forward to continued guidance and support from all JEB members.

Mr. Nguyen Minh Tuan said that ASEAN attaches great importance to developing friendly relations and cooperation with China. China has remained to be ASEAN’s largest trading partner for many years and is one of ASEAN’s most important cooperative partners. In the first half of this year, ASEAN became China’s largest trading partner for the first time. More recently, the two sides held a series of important events, including the ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials’ Meeting (APT SOM), East Asia Summit Senior Officials’ Meeting (EAS SOM) and the opening ceremony of the ASEAN-China Year of Digital Economy Cooperation. In 2021, which marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership will gain a even stronger momentum of development.

Mr. Ma Xiaohui said that since the previous JEB working group meeting earlier this year, many new developments had been made in China-ASEAN relations. The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Leaders’ Meeting held on 24 August achieved great success. For the next step, while adopting long-term and regular pandemic prevention and control measures, China and AMS would follow the guidance of China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, coordinate
anti-pandemic cooperation and socio-economic development efforts to build a closer community with a shared future. The two sides would take this year of digital economy cooperation as an opportunity to foster new growth areas such as digital economy, blue economy and sustainable development, so as to provide strong impetus for regional economic development.

Heads of ACC divisions reviewed the progress of each division since the first JEB working group meeting held in June 2020 and outlined the work plan for the next stage. Representatives of JEB members appreciated ACC’s efforts to organize this offline activity, and commended ACC for carrying out productive work despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and put forward ideas and suggestions on the implementation of the remaining projects for the rest of the year and work plan for 2021. They pledged full support to and close collaboration with the ACC Secretariat as always, and wished to achieve even more fruitful achievements of ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation in various fields.

**ACC Representative Participated in the ASEAN-China Youth Forum of the Future China Global Forum 2020**

On 15 September 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of General Affairs and Coordination Division of ACC participated in the online ASEAN-China Youth Forum of the Future China Global Forum 2020. On behalf of ACC, Ms. Wang shared her views on issues such as the impacts of COVID-19 on the region, the opportunities and challenges for promoting ASEAN-China cooperation in the post-pandemic era, and put forward suggestions on what role that young people could play.

Ms. Wang said that the sudden outbreak of the COVID-19 had a severe impact on the economy and people’s lives around the world. It is a dual task for all countries to jointly fight against the pandemic and resume work and production. ASEAN countries and China have met the challenges head-on and strengthened policy coordination, trying to seek new development under changing circumstances and expand cooperation in areas of trade, infrastructure, smart cities, Internet of Things (IOT), digital epidemic containment and other areas. Youth represents the future, and they are capable of learning and adapting well. In the post COVID-19 era, youth from ASEAN and China could play an important role in fighting against the pandemic and resuming production. They should be bold in thinking and try to explore ways to foster greater synergy between the BRI and ASEAN development plans, and make full use of digital technology to strengthen public health and promote economy growth, with a view to achieving sustainable development goals of regional countries, and promoting the healthy and stable development of ASEAN-China strategic partnership.

Mr. Heng Swee Keat, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance of Singapore delivered an opening speech on the Future China Global Forum 2020. Mr. Chan Chun Sing,
Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore, Mr. Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State of Ministry of Health of Singapore attended the forum, along with 500 participants of government officials, entrepreneurs, academics, media representatives, youth and university students from ASEAN countries, China, Europe and America.

The Future China Global Forum (FCGF) was inaugurated by Singapore’s late Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew. It is an international platform for exchanges among political, industrial, commercial, academic and research sectors, and has been successfully held for ten sessions so far. The theme of forum in 2020 was “A Resilient Future: Post-Pandemic Transformation & Opportunities in China and ASEAN” and was held virtually for the first time. The youth sub-forum was co-organized by the FCGF organizers and Tsinghua University Student Association of Belt and Road Initiative (SABRI).

**ACC Held the 2020 Joint Executive Board Meeting**

On 15 October 2020, the 2020 Joint Executive Board (JEB) Meeting of ACC was held at the ACC Secretariat. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Tran Thanh Hai, Counsellor of the Embassy of Viet Nam in China, on behalf of the rotating chair of ASEAN and Mr. Liang Jianjun, Counsellor of Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. Attendants included diplomats from embassies of AMS in China, representatives of Chinese Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Chinese Ministry of Education, Chinese Ministry of Commerce and other members of JEB China Council, as well as 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 Digital Economy Cooperation. In particular, ACC was acclaimed for its success in carrying out various activities amid the pandemic. All members looked forward to seeing ACC continue to play the role as a one-
stop information and activities centre, implement important consensus between leaders of the two sides in the spirit of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030, and refine the 2021 work programme under the main theme of the year, 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 in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, ASEAN and China have supported each other in the most trying of times, and stood at the forefront of the global anti-pandemic cooperation and economic recovery efforts. ACC has been seeking new ways to organize activities both online and offline, generating satisfactory outcomes. Looking ahead, in 2021, which marks the 30th anniversary of China-ASEAN dialogue relations and 10th anniversary of founding of ACC, ACC is ready to work closely with all JEB members to fulfil various tasks as planned, and further deepen ASEAN-China friendly exchanges and practical cooperation across board, and take ASEAN-China relations to a new high.


**ACC Representative Gave a Lecture at China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity Administrative Bureau**

On 23 October 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of the ACC gave a lecture at China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity Administrative Bureau (CCIB). The lecture was hosted
by Mr. Yang Yi, Deputy Director-General of CCIB. Mr. Sun Xiyong, Deputy Director-General of CCIB and Mr. Lu Dahai, Director of General Coordination Department of CCIB attended the lecture.

Ms. Wang’s lecture mainly focused on ASEAN-China relations, progress of ASEAN-China connectivity cooperation and efforts to strengthen synergy between the MPAC 2025 and the BRI, especially the New International Land-sea Trade Corridor. From ACC’s perspective, Ms. Wang gave suggestions on what role CCIB could play to further enhance ASEAN-China exchanges and cooperation. She also had discussions with leading officials of CCIB.

China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity is another cooperative programme between the governments of China and Singapore, after Suzhou Industrial Park and China-Singapore Tianjin Eco-city. CCIB is the directly affiliated to Chongqing Municipal Government, and is in charge of this project.

Representatives from the departments of CCIB, Chongqing Development and Reform Commission, Chongqing Commerce Commission, Chongqing Investment Promotion Bureau and Chongqing Port and Logistics Office attended the lecture.

ACC Attended the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Sichuan International Studies University and the Main Forum of Promoting the Belt & Road Initiative through International People-to-people Exchanges in the New Era

On 24 October 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of ACC attended the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Sichuan International Studies University (SISU) and delivered a speech at the main forum of Promoting the Belt & Road
Initiative through International People-to-people Exchanges in the New Era.

In her speech, Ms. Wang elaborated on ASEAN-China cooperation on connectivity, the important role that New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor plays in building the BRI, the significance of ASEAN-China people-to-people exchanges for promoting BRI and universities’ role in the development of New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor.

The forum was moderated by Ms. Gou Chaoli, Vice President of SISU. Mr. Dong Hongchuan, President of SISU, Ms. Wang Wen, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of Chongqing Municipality, Mr. Dmitry Emelyanov, Acting Consul-General of Belarus in Chongqing, Ms. Liu Hong, President of Dalian University of Foreign Languages, Mr. Xu Weilin, Vice President of Sichuan University attended the forum and delivered speeches. Government officials, scholars and students from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, Ministry of Education of China, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China Foreign Affairs University, National University of Singapore attended the forum on the spot or on-line.

Ms. Wang Hongliu also attended a seminar hosted by the School of International Relations of SISU. Together with scholars from Peking University, China Foreign Affairs University and University of International Relations as well as SISU’s renowned alumni, Ms. Wang gave some suggestions on the development direction, research plan and characteristics of the school.

From 23 to 24 October, Ms. Wang Hongliu attended the commemoration ceremony marking the 70th anniversary of SISU and celebration gala, among other activities.

ACC Held Exchange on ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation

On 27 October 2020, ASEAN-China Centre (ACC) held an exchange event on ASEAN-China Vaccine Friend Cooperation. Officials from MFA of China, Ministry of Science and Technology of China, Chinese Center of Disease Control and Prevention and representatives of Sinovac Biotech Ltd. attended the meeting. H.E. Raja Dato’ Nushirwan Zainal Abidin, Ambassador of Malaysia to China, and diplomats from AMS embassies joined the event.

Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of ACC hosted the meeting and stated that ACC would continue to play its bridging role to push forward anti-epidemic cooperation between ASEAN and China for greater development of China-ASEAN relations that would benefit the people in the region.

Ms. Dong Shuhui, Counsellor of Department of Asian Affairs of MFA said that since the outbreak of COVID-19, AMS and China
have joined hands in the fight against the pandemic and rendered each other strong support. China wished to further advance the regional anti-pandemic efforts through the platform of Vaccine Friend Cooperation by providing vaccines as a public good to benefit more people in the world. Representative from Department of International Organizations and Conferences of MFA indicated that vaccine is a powerful weapon to battle the epidemic. China is willing to promote relevant international cooperation and AMS are welcome to participate in the project of COVAX.

Mr. Yin Zundong, Director of National Immunization Program in Chinese Center of Disease Control and Prevention, briefed on the overall situation of COVID-19 in the world, the latest development of vaccine research, and features of Chinese vaccines such as the variety, safety and therapeutic effects. Representative from Ministry of Science and Technology of China gave an overview of their work on guiding domestic vaccine research and promoting international cooperation. He emphasized that Chinese vaccines are major contributions to the world public health undertaking and China is willing to strengthen solidarity and cooperation with AMS.

Ms. Yang Guang, General Manager of Sinovac Biotech (Hong Kong) Ltd. gave a brief introduction about the company, its development history and its efforts in the R&D and production of COVID-19 vaccines. Sinovac stands ready to work closely together with AMS governments and enterprises so as to contain the epidemic quickly and effectively.

During the meeting, participants exchanged views on the issues of common concern among AMS such as anti-epidemic cooperation, vaccine R&D, production and procurement, etc. On behalf of AMS, Ambassador Nushirwan expressed appreciation to ACC for organizing this event. He stressed that in the face of COVID-19, vaccine cooperation is of utmost political importance for all AMS including Malaysia.ASEAN is looking forward to reinforcing collaboration with China on vaccines and other public health areas, creating more channels to obtain reliable, safe and effective vaccines and promoting exchanges and training for healthcare institutes, enterprises, and medical staff, so as to bring the epidemic under control and recover the economy at an early date.

ACC Attended the 2020 SCO (Beijing) Xuzhou Promotion Conference

On 2 November 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of ACC attended the 2020 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Beijing) Xuzhou Promotion Conference and delivered remarks.

Ms. Wang first read out the congratulatory letter signed by Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC at the conference. Mr. Chen wrote that Xuzhou is a beautiful city with time-honoured history and excellent location. With its tradition of openness, Xuzhou would become a new destination of business investment and an important partner of friendly exchanges and practical cooperation for member states of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). ACC would like to make greater contribution to the development of friendly exchanges among AMS, China and SCO in Xuzhou.

At the conference, Ms. Wang also exchanged views with the officials of SCO and Xuzhou government.

The promotion conference was presided over by Mr. Sherali Jonon, Deputy Secretary-General of SCO. Mr. Vladimir Norov, Secretary-General of SCO sent a congratulatory video for the conference. Mr. Zhou Tiegen, Secretary of the CPC Xuzhou Municipal Committee and Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Municipal People’s Congress briefed on the economic and social development of Xuzhou. Mr. Xu Donghai, Vice Mayor of Xuzhou, gave update on the preparations for the 2020 SCO (Xuzhou) Local and Regional Cooperation Conference, which would be held from 25 to 28 November 2020.

Around 100 guests attended the promotion conference, including permanent representatives of China, Russia, India and Pakistan to SCO, diplomats from embassies of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Belarus, Mongolia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Nepal, Turkey, Egypt and Qatar in China.
ACC Secretary-General Attended the Reception Marking the 5th Anniversary of the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity

On 7 November 2020, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), Singaporean Ministry of Trade and Industry and Chongqing Municipal Government co-hosted a reception celebrating the 30th anniversary of China-Singapore diplomatic ties and the 5th anniversary of the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity (CCI). Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC attended the reception upon invitation. Around 100 government officials, industry representatives and diplomatic envoys in Sichuan and Chongqing joined the gathering.

Mr. Zhong Shan, Minister of Commerce of China, stated in a written speech that over the past five years, China and Singapore saw great advancement in cooperation in the four priority sectors: financial services, aviation, transport and logistics, and information and communication technology, which has deepened and yielded fruitful results. The launching of the New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (ILSTC) serves as an innovative channel to better connect the Belt with the Road, and is truly an epitome of the mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries. During their phone conversation in July this year, President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong agreed to deepen
the BRI cooperation through the ILSTC and in partnership with the third parties. MOFCOM is ready to work with the Singaporean side to implement the important consensus reached by the two leaders, give full play to the role of Singapore and Chongqing as two vital hubs, step up efforts of CCI and ILSTC cooperation, facilitate the construction of the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Circle, and ensure the smooth operation of industrial and supply chains between the two countries and in East Asia.

Ms. Josephine Teo, Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs of Singapore made a speech through video link. She said that both Singapore and China agreed that CCI should focus on the theme of “modern connectivity and services” to allow the two sides to tap on the complementary strength and work together. This energy reflects the all-round cooperative partnership between Singapore and China that progresses with the times. To ensure that CCI continues to be of a high starting point, high standard and innovative, the following principles must be followed. First, the CCI must remain open and inclusive. Second, the CCI collaborations must be commercially viable and sustainable. Third, for the CCI to truly make an impact in Western China, it must pilot innovative measures whether in
policies, rules or processes, which can be replicated in other parts of China if successful.

Mr. Tang Liangzhi, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Chongqing Municipal Committee, Mayor of the Chongqing Municipal Government made a general review of the achievements of the CCI. By the end of October 2020, 230 projects with 32.3 billion USD in total value had been signed by the two sides. Major cooperation projects had been implemented after ILSTC and China-Singapore (Chongqing) Dedicated Data Chanel were put in place. The cooperation scope expanded further to education, science and technology, health as well as culture and tourism. Going forward, Chongqing stands ready to work with the Singaporean side to follow through the important consensus agreed by leaders, enhance strategy alignment, improve the operation of ILSTC, and expand the 3rd-party cooperation under BRI, so as to better connect Western China with AMS, pursue cooperation in a wider range and achieve more visible outcome.

Secretary-General Chen Dehai had extensive exchanges with guests and representatives presented at the reception. He congratulated on the achievements of the CCI and expressed ACC’s willingness to serve as a bridge to promote the connectivity between China and Singapore as well as other AMS.
CHAPTER V
NETWORKING WITH RELATED AGENCIES AND MECHANISMS
Interactions with Governments of ASEAN Member States and China

1. Maintained Close Exchanges with Governments of ASEAN Member States

   ACC maintained close contacts with AMS governments to exchange views on promoting the all-round development of ASEAN-China relations and combating COVID-19 through joint efforts in the past year.

   On 16 January 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with Mr. Thong Khon, Tourism Minister of Cambodia, while attending the ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2020 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

2. Developed Closer Ties with Embassies of ASEAN Member States

   ACC developed closer contacts with the Embassies and Consulates-General of AMS in China. In 2020, besides communicating with Ambassadors of AMS in China on different occasions, Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with ambassadors of Thailand, Indonesia, and Viet Nam to China at the Secretariat to further discuss ways to resume and further promote the exchanges and cooperation between China and AMS in economy, trade and other areas while devoting efforts to COVID-19 epidemic control.

   On 3 August 2020, a delegation from the Indonesian Embassy to China visited the Secretariat. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening people-to-people and cultural exchanges and media cooperation between Indonesia and China. On 7 August 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the ASEAN Flag Raising Ceremony and the Photo

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

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 a number of areas, including facilitating the medical supply to AMS by Chinese friends. On 20 October 2020, ACC Secretary-General Chen Dehai attended the online Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship (ACYLS) 2020, hosted by the Mission of China to ASEAN.

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. Secretary-General Chen Dehai met with leading officials of Dezhou, Chengdu, Guiyang, Leshan, Chongqing, Qingdao, Dongying, Xuzhou, Kunming and officials
from provincial and municipal departments in 2020, exchanged views on further advancing local cooperation between
ASEAN and China.

ACC kept close ties with the ASEAN Secretariat in 2020. On 28 August, Dr. Aladdin D.Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General
of ASEAN Secretariat made a speech on line, during the Symposium on New Opportunities & New Partnership - Cooperation between
ASEAN and China after the COVID-19 Pandemic On 9 November, ACC co-hosted the 2020 ASEAN-China Digital Economy
Cooperation Conference in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, themed by “Co-building Digital Economy and Sharing New Drivers of Development”. ASEAN Secretariat representative participated in the conference via video link and made remarks.
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.

On 16 January 2020, the 14th Meeting among Secretaries General of ACC, AJC and AKC was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Lee Hyuk, Secretary-General of AKC. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of ACC and Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary-General of AJC attended the meeting. Secretary-Genera Chen Dehai expressed that ACC would continue to promote ASEAN-China practical cooperation in key areas for closer business and people-to-people exchanges, to enhance communication, experience-sharing and mutual learning with AJC and AKC to push forward regional development and prosperity. On 24 March, Secretary-General Chen Dehai spoke with AJC Secretary-General Masataka Fujita, exchanged views on promoting investment cooperation between China, Japan, Korea and ASEAN, and discussed about the participation in the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (ASEAN-CCI) meeting next year. On 22 October 2020, Secretary-General Chen Dehai participated in the 15th Tripartite Meeting online, to exchange views on expanding tripartite cooperation and exploring possibility of carrying out joint projects among the Three Centres under the COVID-19 background.

ACC and Boao Forum for Asia

The Center has been a close partner and active participant of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA). On 8 May 2020, ACC representative attended the Online Launch of the BFA 2020 Flagship Report and Symposium on Asian Development Prospects and Challenges under the Pandemic.

ACC and Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

ACC Secretariat has maintained close contacts and interactions with its counterpart, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Secretariat, in order to actively work together to promote the extensive cooperation in various areas.

On 2 November 2020, Ms. Wang Hongliu, Director of GACD of ACC attended the 2020 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Beijing) Xuzhou Promotion Conference and delivered remarks.
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<td>SG Acted as One of the Seven Final Judges of the ASEAN-China Short Video Competition and Attended the Awards Ceremony</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the 2019 ASEAN-China Youth Exchange Week</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>SG Met with Chinese Media Representatives to Review Achievements of the Work in 2019 and Give Prospects of the Work in 2020</td>
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<td>4-6</td>
<td>SG Attended the 36th China Harbin International Ice &amp; Snow Festival</td>
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<td>SG Attended the 2020 New Year Film Reception hosted by Chinese Film Association</td>
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<td>SG Attended the 39th ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF 2020)</td>
<td>Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei</td>
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<td>SG Attended the 14th Informal Meeting among Secretaries-General of ACC, AJC, and AKC</td>
<td>Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei</td>
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<td>14-16</td>
<td>Visited Shandong University (Qingdao Campus) to explore ASEAN-China AI Collaboration</td>
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<td>Sorted out How to Better Provide News Stories to <em>China Report</em></td>
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<td>Renewed Outdoor Display Board</td>
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<td>Attended the 2020 Yuxi Online Promotion of Development and Investment Cooperation</td>
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<td>Facilitated An Exclusive Interview with the Philippine Ambassador to China on the Occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the Philippines-China Relations</td>
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<td>Shared Promotion Videos about China’s Combat against COVID-19 with the Government Public Relations Department of Thailand</td>
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<td><em>Newsletter</em> (Issue 32) Printed</td>
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<td>Held Online Workshop for Media Officials from AMS Embassies</td>
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<td>Printed <em>2018 ASEAN &amp; China in Figures</em></td>
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<td>Compiled and Released <em>ASEAN Tourism Overview (2020)</em></td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>May</td>
<td>Solicited Advice of AMS Embassies Regarding <em>2019 ASEAN &amp; China in Figures</em></td>
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<td>Attended the Launch of the BFA 2020 Flagship Report and Symposium on Regional Cooperation Prospects and Challenges under the Pandemic</td>
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<td>Composed a Research Paper Entitled “A General Overview of ASEAN-China Media Exchanges and Cooperation” and Released it on ACC Website</td>
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<td>SG Met with Ambassador of Indonesia</td>
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<td>Posted the Short Stories and the Information of Cultural Festival of Brunei on ACC’s website, Weibo and WeChat.</td>
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<td>SG Met with Minister of Embassy of Malaysia in China</td>
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<td>Co-hosted Live Stream Lecture on Training of Talents in Global Governance for University of International Business and Economics</td>
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<td>Improved the ASEAN Tourism Information on the ACC Website</td>
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<td>Composed a Summary Report Entitled “ACC as Information Centre” and Released it on ACC Website</td>
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<td>Co-hosted with China International Publishing Group and Science and Technology Daily ASEAN-China Media &amp;Think-Tank Online Forum</td>
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<td>Contributed to <em>China Report</em> an Article Entitled <em>ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Entered a New Stage of Development</em></td>
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<td>SG Attended the 2020 Extraordinary ASEAN-China Social Development and Poverty Reduction Forum</td>
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<td>Compiled and Uploaded Brief Introduction to ASEAN Tourism 2019 to the Website of ACC (Chinese Version)</td>
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<td>SG Met with Chairman of CCPIT Yunnan Sub-council</td>
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<td>Met with Deputy Editor-in-Chief of CHINADAILY.com.cn</td>
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<td>SG Attended the ASEAN Flag Raising Ceremony</td>
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<td>Networking Meeting with Chinese Media Management Personnel</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Opening Ceremony of “Intangible Cultural Heritage of the World-Master Luozangdanba’s Thangka Art Exhibition”</td>
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<td>SG Attended an Online Activity in which Academician Zhong Nanshan Shared China’s Anti-epidemic Experience</td>
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<td>SG Led a Group Visit to iFLYTEK’s Exhibition Hall in Beijing</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Opening Ceremony of 2020 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum</td>
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<td>Co-hosted the 2020 China-ASEAN Vocational Education Forum and Exhibition of Successful Cooperative Programs</td>
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<td>SG Met with Vice Mayor of Guiyang</td>
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<td>SG Met with Officials of Chengdu High-tech Development Zone</td>
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<td>Attended the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium</td>
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<td>Co-organized Symposium on New Opportunities &amp; New Partnership - Cooperation between ASEAN and China after the COVID-19 Pandemic</td>
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<td>From 30 August to 2021 CIFTIS</td>
<td>Co-hosted the ASEAN Culture and Tourism Online Exhibition at 2020 CIFTIS</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Belt and Road Roundtable on Ecological Industry Cooperation and Development</td>
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<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 11th China (Guangrao) International Rubber Tire &amp; Auto Accessory Exhibition</td>
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<td>Facilitated a Written Interview with Indonesian Ambassador to China on the Occasion of the 70th Anniversary of Indonesia-China Diplomatic Relations, and 75th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia</td>
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<td>SG Met with Director of the Foreign Affairs Office of Dongying City</td>
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<td>Co-organized ASEAN-China (Guiyang) B&amp;R Culture and Tourism Exchange Week</td>
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<td>Cooperated with CHINADAILY.com.cn as a Supporter to Organize a Poverty Alleviation Online Conference—ASEAN Media’s View on China’s Poverty Alleviation Campaign</td>
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<td>SG Attended the 2020 East Asia Marine Cooperation Platform Qingdao Forum &amp; Qingdao International Marine Week</td>
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<td>Launched the Compilation and Release of the Pamphlets on ASEAN Culture Information</td>
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<td>SG Attended the Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship 2020</td>
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<td>SG Attended Plenary Session of 2020 China Annual Conference for International Education</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>SG Met with Director-General of Asia Department of Ministry of Commerce of China</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>SG Attended the 15th Informal Meeting among Secretaries-General of ACC, AJC, and AKC</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Exchanged Views with China Film Archive</td>
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<td>22</td>
<td>Attended China-ASEAN Public Private Cooperation Forum on Combating COVID-19 Digitally</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Co-hosted with CIPG 2020 ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Forum</td>
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<td>Signed MOU with CIPG</td>
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<td>Attended the 2020 High-quality Development Roundtable for Anhui Development Zones</td>
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<td>23</td>
<td>Gave a Lecture at China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity Administrative Bureau</td>
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<td>24-29</td>
<td>Organized a Familiarization Trip for AMS Embassy Officials and Journalists Stationed in Beijing to Visit Hunan</td>
<td>Hunan</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Attended the 70th Anniversary Celebration of Sichuan International Studies University and the Main Forum of Promoting the Belt &amp; Road Initiative through International People-to-people Exchanges in the New Era</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>Held the Exchange on ASEAN-China Vaccine Friends Cooperation</td>
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<td>Posted the Lao New Year Story on ACC’s Social Network Platforms</td>
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<td>31-Nov. 2</td>
<td>Set up an ASEAN Pavilion at the 18th China International Trade Fair for the Grain and Oil Products, Equipment and Technology Expo</td>
<td>Hefei, Anhui</td>
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<td>Contributed a Report on Great Potential for ASEAN and China to Co-build the Green Belt and Road to Magazine <em>China Report</em></td>
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<td>Attended the 2020 Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (Beijing) Xuzhou Promotion Conference</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Co-organized Chinese Tour Guide Training with the ASEAN Countries (online)</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>SG Met with President of China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Machinery and Electronic Products</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>SG Attended Musical Performance “Ode to the Earth”</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>SG Attended the Reception Marking the 5th Anniversary of the China-Singapore (Chongqing) Demonstration Initiative on Strategic Connectivity</td>
<td>Chongqing</td>
<td>GACD</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>SG Attended the ASEAN-China Digital Economic Cooperation Conference Co-hosted by ACC and the Chengdu Municipal Government</td>
<td>Chengdu, Sichuan</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Attended the China Chengdu International Supply Chain and Smart Logistics Expo 2020</td>
<td>Chengdu, Sichuan</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>SG Led Commercial Officials of AMS Diplomatic Missions to Visit Chengdu Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone</td>
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<td>11-12</td>
<td>Attended APT Forum on Online Audio-Video Industry</td>
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<td>13-14</td>
<td>Attended the 2020 WTA Xianghu Dialogue</td>
<td>Hangzhou, Zhejiang</td>
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<td>13-15</td>
<td>Participated in the China Shanghai International Children’s Book Fair 2020 with the Royal Thai Embassy in Beijing</td>
<td>Shanghai</td>
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<td>13-16</td>
<td>Attended the 3rd World Sichuan Cuisine Conference and the 12th China International Pickles Food Expo</td>
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<td>Participated in the China International Travel Mart (CITM)</td>
<td>Shanghai</td>
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<td>17-19</td>
<td>Attended the Annual Meeting of International Mountain Tourism Alliance (IMTA) 2020</td>
<td>Guiyang, Guizhou</td>
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<td>Held the 10th JC Meeting of ACC</td>
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<td>19-21</td>
<td>Attended the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd Intake of CKGSB ASEAN New Economy Leadership Program</td>
<td>Shenzhen, Guangdong</td>
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<td>Held a Lecture on Law</td>
<td>ACC Secretariat</td>
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<td>Attended Activities of Guangdong High-Tech Industry Chamber</td>
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<td>20-22</td>
<td>SG Attended the Understanding China Conference 2020 (Guangzhou)</td>
<td>Guangzhou, Guangdong</td>
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<td>23-24</td>
<td>Attended the “Light of CETC” of 2020 World Internet Conference in Wuzhen</td>
<td>Wuzhen, Zhejiang</td>
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<td>23-29</td>
<td>Co-hosted with NRTA the 2nd ASEAN-China TV Week and ASEAN-China Short Video Competition</td>
<td>Guilin, Guangxi</td>
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<td>23-26</td>
<td>Invited Indonesian Ambassador to China to Hold “Lecture Series on ASEAN-China Relations” in Hainan</td>
<td>Hainan</td>
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<td>23-29</td>
<td>Organized 2020 AMS Embassy Education Officials’ Trip to Hainan</td>
<td>Haikou, Boao and Sanya, Hainan</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>SG Attended the Preparation Launching Ceremony of “China-ASEAN Sports and Cultural Exchange Alliance” and “Maritime Silk Road Art Education Alliance”</td>
<td>Haikou, Hainan</td>
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<td>24</td>
<td>Co-hosted the China-ASEAN Information Harbor Digital Silk Road Industry Cooperation Forum</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>25-28</td>
<td>Attended the 2020 SCO (Xuzhou) Local Regional Cooperation and Exchange Conference</td>
<td>Xuzhou, Jiangsu</td>
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<td>26</td>
<td>Attended the 4th China-ASEAN Information Harbor Forum</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>26</td>
<td>Visited the China-ASEAN Information Harbor Co., Ltd.</td>
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<td>Attended the China-ASEAN Production Capacity and Investment Cooperation Forum</td>
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<td>27</td>
<td>Attended the 10+3 SME Seminar on Coastal City Emergency Industry</td>
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<td>27-30</td>
<td>Set up ACC Booth at 17th CAEXPO</td>
<td>Guangxi</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>SG Met with Vice Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
<td>GACD / TID / IPRD</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>SG Attended the 10th Anniversary Forum on the Full Establishment of China ASEAN Free Trade Area</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>28</td>
<td>SG Attended the Regional Industrial Symbiosis Chain of Petroleum and Chemical Industry Forum</td>
<td>Nanning, Guangxi</td>
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<td>30-Dec. 1</td>
<td>Attended the 43rd SEAMEO High Officials Meeting (HOM)</td>
<td>Online</td>
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<td>Participated in the China-ASEAN NGO Activists Seminar</td>
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<td>Participated in CSCSE Global Partners’ Reception 2020</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>SG Met with Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Shaanxi Radio and Television Convergence Media Group</td>
<td>ACC Secretariat</td>
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<td>2-10</td>
<td>Co-hosted the China-Southeast Asia (Myanmar) International Trade Digital Expo and SG Attended the Opening Ceremony</td>
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<td>7-10</td>
<td>SG Attended the 15th China-ASEAN Cultural Forum</td>
<td>Guilin, Guangxi</td>
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<td>7-10</td>
<td>Supported and Attended the China-ASEAN Forum on Digital Culture and Tourism Collaboration, and China-ASEAN Expo Tourism Exhibition</td>
<td>Guilin, Guangxi</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Attended the Indonesia - China Investment Business Forum 2020</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>Attended the 8th Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific</td>
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<td>SG Attended the “Love Knows No Border” International Charity Sale</td>
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<td>12</td>
<td>SG Attended “2020 Culture Performance for Brunei-China Tourism Year, Malaysia-China Culture and Tourism Year, Myanmar-China Culture and Tourism Year and ASEAN-China Culture and Tourism Exhibition”</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>SG Met with Head of Office of Foreign Affairs of Hainan</td>
<td>ACC Secretariat</td>
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<td>16-17</td>
<td>Co-organized Workshop of Chinese Tour Guide Training and Tourism Capacity Building of ASEAN with Indonesia</td>
<td>Online</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>Collected Feedbacks of AMS Embassies Regarding the Draft Statistics Book 2019</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>Attended the Anhui and RCEP Local Governments Seminar</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>SG Met with Vice President Liao Minsheng of Hainan Tropical University</td>
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<td>21</td>
<td>Co-hosted &quot;The Story of Time — 24 Solar Terms&quot; Winter Solstice Cultural Experience Activity with Central Academy of Fine Arts of China</td>
<td>Beijing</td>
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<td>21-24</td>
<td>SG Visited Dezhou, Jinan of Shandong Province and Attended the Shandong-Malaysia Education Cooperation Dialogue</td>
<td>Dezhou, Jinan, Shandong</td>
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<td>29</td>
<td>Participated in Mekong-Lancang Tourist Cities Cooperation Seminar</td>
<td>Nanjing, Jiangsu</td>
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**Whole Year Activities**

| Whole Year | Update the News and Cultural Resources on the Website of the Window for ASEAN-China Children’s Cultural Exchanges | Online       | ECTD (C)    |
| Whole Year | Collection and Publishing of ASEAN Short Stories and the Information of ASEAN Cultural Festivals | Online       | ECTD (C)    |
| Whole Year | Online Promotion of the ASEAN Tourism (Golden routes, Festivals and Adventure Tours) | Online       | ECTD (T)    |
| Whole Year | Maintain ACC Website, Wechat and Weibo Accounts | Online       | IPRD         |
| Whole Year | Provide ASEAN-China Trade and Investment Consulting Services for Enterprises and Business Associations of Both Sides | Online       | TID          |