

中国信息通信研究院

China-ASEAN Digital Economy Innovation Awards Invitation

On November 22, 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the special summit commemorating the 30th anniversary of the China-ASEAN dialogue relations, and officially announced the establishment of China-ASEAN comprehensive strategic partnership with leaders of ASEAN Member States. In his speech, President Xi pointed out that China and ASEAN should expand cooperation in new fields such as the digital economy, advocate the conduct of dialogues on digital governance, and deepen the innovative application of digital technology.

Today, China has become the second largest economy in terms of digital economy worldwide, and ASEAN is also in the stage of accelerating the development of digital economy. In November 2020, China and ASEAN agreed to jointly seize digital opportunities and established a digital economy partnership featuring mutual trust, mutual benefit, inclusiveness, innovation and win-win results. The digital economy has become a new blue ocean for the development of China-ASEAN cooperation.

With the rapid development of the digital economy, the innovative application of digital technology presents the outstanding characteristics of diverse symbiosis and open collaboration. China and ASEAN have strong complementary advantages in developing the digital economy, and can

realize resource complementarity, knowledge sharing and strong cooperation among innovative entities. Under the comparative advantage, ASEAN Member States can acquire the ability of continuous innovation through complementary cooperation with China, and accelerate the digital transformation of economy and society. In the critical period when China uses the digital economy to promote high-quality economic and social development in the post-pandemic era, and at a special moment when ASEAN is facing the daunting challenges of the fourth industrial revolution, it is the right time for China and ASEAN to strengthen digital economy innovation cooperation.

In order to further deepen the China-ASEAN digital economy cooperation partnership and promote bilateral digital economic innovation cooperation, China Academy of Information and Communications Technology and Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology, the International Strategic Institute of Malaysia together with the Department of Industry and Information Technology of Yunnan Province and Yunnan Communications Administration will jointly organize the "**China-ASEAN Digital Economy Innovation Awards**" from September to November 2022.

We are honored to invite your organization to participate in the Awards and Best Cases, sharing innovative practices with governments, enterprises, and scientific research institutions in China and ASEAN Member States, and promote pragmatic cooperation.

I. Awards Contents

The Digital Economy Innovation Awards aims to recognize the achievements and accomplishments in promoting digital economy innovation in China and ASEAN member states.

For this year, the Awards will be awarded to but not limited to the cases that contribute to promote the development of Innovative Digital

Infrastructure, Digital Applications, and Digital Security, which contribute to promote inclusive and innovative digital economy in China and ASEAN.

There will be the three (3) First Prize, five (5) Second Prize and seven (7) Third Prize for the best cases that contribute to the objective of the Awards, and also the Excellence Award will be given to selected finalists.

All the applicants shall refer to *the ASEAN Digital Master Plan 2025* and/or *the 14th Five-Year Plan for Digital Economy Development of China* respectively.

II. Requirements

1. Applicants shall include the governments, enterprises, scientific research and institutions or organizations engaged in entrepreneurship and innovation and related services.
2. The application project should be implemented or in the R&D stage from July 1, 2021.
3. Applicants can submit project applications in the form of text, photos, videos, etc.

III. Review

The Awards will invite Chinese and ASEAN experts to conduct preliminary and final reviews of the projects. The preliminary review will be completed independently by the review experts, and the final review will invite applicants to introduce their projects on-site or virtually and answer questions. The final result will be released at the 3rd China - ASEAN Digital Economy Innovation Forum to be held on November 30, 2022 in Kunming, Yunnan.

The certificates will be provided to the winners.

IV. Submission

Please send the completed "China-ASEAN Digital Economy Innovation Awards Application Form" to Mr. Li Zhi (lizhi@caict.ac.cn) and Mr. Be Chantra (chantra.be@cadt.edu.kh) before October 28, 2022.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation.

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