

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Establishing India-China Think-Tanks Forum

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), under the support of the Governments of both sides,

RECOGNIZING the enhanced role of Think-Tanks in bilateral, regional, and global affairs;

STRESSING the need for a common platform to forge sharing, exchanges, and collaborations between the Think-Tanks;

DESIROUS of closer engagement between the Think-Tanks of India and China;

Have agreed to:

1.
 - i. Establish an India-China Think-Tanks Forum to enhance exchanges in the fields of area-studies, security, economy, strategic thought, and demographics;
 - ii. The Forum will meet, alternately, in India and China, on annual basis;
 - iii. The Forum will deliberate on contemporary issues of regional and global significance. Team of the Forum will be decided through mutual consultations between the parties;
 - iv. Each party will be responsible to invite up to 8 scholars for the Forum; and

v. The proceeding of the Conference will be published. The host side will be responsible for compiling and publishing the proceedings after due consultations with the other side.

2. This Agreement does not create binding obligations among the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement precludes either of the Parties from exercising any measures and satisfying any obligations prescribed under the laws of their respective jurisdiction.

3. The activities shall be coordinated by the respective national agencies; namely, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

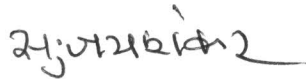
4. The Parties will ensure that financial resources to support exchanges and activities are available prior to undertaking them. The receiving party will bear costs of local accommodation, international airfare, transportation and event's expenses.

5. Amendments or modifications, if any, to this MoU shall be effected through prior mutual-consultations and mutual-agreement.

6. This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature by the Parties and shall continue to remain in force unless either side gives a written notice to the contrary, three months in advance, of its intention to the contrary. Termination of this Agreement shall not affect completion of the projects that are already in progress.

7. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation, applications or implementation of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Done at Beijing on this 15th day of May in the year 2015 in duplicate in Hindi, Chinese and English languages. All texts being equally authentic, in case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



For

**Ministry of External Affairs,
Republic of India**



For

**Chinese Academy
of Social Sciences**