

**ARRANGEMENT ON A FIVE-YEAR ROADMAP FOR  
NEW ZEALAND – CHINA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION  
2023-2027**

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The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment of New Zealand (MBIE) and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China (MOST) (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”):

RECALLING the *Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on Scientific and Technological Cooperation* of 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”; the *Joint Statement Establishing the New Zealand—China Strategic Research Alliance* of 2010 (hereinafter referred to as “SRA”); the *Joint Announcement on New Zealand and China Research Fund* of 2010; and the *Arrangement on a Five Year Roadmap for New Zealand—China Science and Technology Cooperation 2018-2022*;

RECOGNISING that scientific and technological innovation can make major contributions to addressing domestic, regional and global challenges;

NOTING the achievements of bilateral science and technology cooperation and exchange in recent years and the open and collaborative spirit which exists between our countries’ institutions, scientists and other organisations on science and technology matters;

REAFFIRMING the importance of mutual benefit, research integrity and scientific rigour in science and technology cooperation;

WISHING to further enhance and support bilateral science and technology cooperation and exchange for mutual benefit;

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance both participants place on science-led innovation, commercialisation of joint research and the protection of intellectual property rights;

Have hereby decided to RENEW and UPDATE the *Arrangement on a Five-Year Roadmap for New Zealand—China Science and Technology Cooperation 2018 – 2022* for another five years to cover the years spanning 2023 to 2027 (hereinafter referred to as “the Roadmap”).

**PARAGRAPH 1 FRAMEWORK & FUNDING**

1. The Roadmap will operate under the framework of the Agreement and the SRA.
2. The Participants have jointly decided to continue funding under the SRA with approximately RMB 20 million per year from 2023 to 2027, to implement the Roadmap. Funding will be split equally between the two Participants and delivered through the SRA.

3. Funding through the SRA over the period 2023 to 2027 will be directed towards those projects falling under the Roadmap focus areas of food science; health and biomedical sciences; and environmental sciences.

#### PARAGRAPH 2 PRIORITY AREAS

1. The Participants acknowledge significant scientific and technological progress in both countries since the previous roadmap.
2. The Participants decide to continue to focus collaborative research effort in the following areas:
  - a. Food science
  - b. Health and biomedical sciences
  - c. Environmental sciences.
3. The Participants will consider mutual support for national-level innovation initiatives on a case-by-case basis, including support for national-level research centres in the priority areas.
4. The Participants will cooperate on initiatives outside the priority areas when mutually decided.

#### PARAGRAPH 3 COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Participants have decided on the following set of collaborative activities:

1. Hold the New Zealand-China Scientist Exchange Programme on an annual basis, noting Participants will encourage the involvement of researchers from the private sector.
2. Call for new projects under the SRA on an annual basis.
3. Hold the New Zealand-China Joint Commission on Science and Technology at least biennially.

#### PARAGRAPH 4 SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

Any differences arising out of the interpretation of this Arrangement will be settled by consultations between the Participants.

#### PARAGRAPH 5 AMENDMENT

At the request of either Participant, this Arrangement may be revised or amended by mutual written consent of the Participants.

#### PARAGRAPH 6 COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION

1. This Arrangement will come into effect upon its signature and will remain in effect for a maximum period of five years or until terminated earlier by six months' prior written notice of either Participant through diplomatic channels.
2. Any revision, amendment or termination of this Arrangement will not affect any ongoing cooperation activities initiated during the operation of this Arrangement. These cooperation activities will be carried out to their completion unless the Participants decide otherwise.

Signed in Beijing, China on 28 June 2023, in duplicate, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts having equal validity.

For the Ministry of Business, Innovation and  
Employment of New Zealand

For the Ministry of Science and Technology of  
the People's Republic of China

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