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## Promoting International Cooperation in Bamboo Industry by Scientific and Technological Innovation

*INBAR Co-Chair Jiang Zehui meets ambassadors and diplomats from member countries of INBAR*

On October 11, 2016, Prof. Jiang Zehui, vice chairman of the Committee of Population, Resources and Environment of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), co-chair of the International Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR) Board and director of the International Bamboo and Rattan Center, met with a delegation of ambassadors and diplomats from the member countries of INBAR. Yang Xinyuan, Deputy Secretary-General of the Sichuan Provincial Government, Tan Guangming, Party Member of the State Forestry Administration of China, and other officials from relevant departments were also present in the meeting.

The two sides held talks on strengthening international cooperation and promoting scientific and technological innovation in the field of bamboo industry.

Prof. Jiang Zehui remarked that bamboo is widely distributed in the world and bamboo industry provides people daily necessities and production resources. The industry makes important contributions to improve people's livelihood and boost bamboo planting areas' economic development. It is a green industry generating great benefits. She said that China's bamboo industry made remarkable achievements in bamboo-related resource cultivation, product processing, technological innovation and market development. Jiang encouraged member countries of INBAR to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with Chinese counterparts to improve their bamboo industry's technology and competitiveness and achieve better development of the bamboo industry.

Tan said the holding of the China Bamboo Culture Festival has a lot of benefits. It could promote China's bamboo culture, systematically and comprehensively promote the rich natural resources of China's bamboo areas and spread the valuable experience and advanced technology of the bamboo industry. Besides, it could also promote the economic development of global bamboo-producing areas and improve local people's livelihood. China looks forward to sharing its ecological construction experience with other countries, including advanced forestry technology and experience in bamboo planting, to promote further international cooperation in forestry and bamboo industry.

Victor Sikonina, Madagascar's ambassador to China, said that for thousands of years, bamboo and rattan have played an indispensable role in people's lives. Rich and colorful bamboo culture is formed in different places of the world. Madagascar has many profound bamboo proverbs. He said that with mutual cooperation between the INBAR member countries, bamboo and rattan will play a more prominent role in promoting global environmental protection and low-carbon and sustainable development.

China is a world leader in the bamboo industry and is continually pushing for innovation. As a global intergovernmental organization committed to promote the development of bamboo and rattan, INBAR will spare no effort to promote international cooperation in bamboo industry, provide an open platform for the technology promotion of bamboo industry and bamboo culture dissemination, and advance the healthy and sustainable development of global bamboo industry.

On the morning of October 13, INBAR also held the international seminar “Role of Bamboo in Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation”. Bamboo experts gathered with the ambassadors and diplomats from the member countries of INBAR to exchange views on the role of bamboo in poverty alleviation and rural economic development.

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*NOTES International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)*

*INBAR is a multilateral development organisation of 41 Member States for the promotion of Bamboo and Rattan. INBAR plays a unique role in supporting its members to find and demonstrate innovative ways of using bamboo and rattan to protect environments and biodiversity, and alleviate poverty.*

*INBAR connects a global network of partners from the government, private, and not-for-profit sectors to define and implement a global agenda for sustainable development with bamboo and rattan.*

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