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The CAS Award for International Scientific Cooperation (2007-2016): Happy Tenth Anniversary

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Ten years ago, in 2007, the Chinese Academy of Sciences gave out its first Award for International Scientific Cooperation to two distinguished foreign scientists: circulating fluidized bed expert Lothar Reh from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, and agricultural economist Scott Douglas Rozelle from Stanford University. Dr. Reh's relationship with China started in the early 1970s, when he first visited the country to foster a cooperative link between the Lurgi Group and China. After that he worked with researchers from the CAS Institute of Process Engineering (IPE) for more than two decades. He not only helped with setting up the first research facilities at IPE, including the donation of a set of experimental equipment to Beijing in the name of the Swiss government, but also was instrumental in forging a strategic cooperative agreement between IPE and his institute. Dr. Rozelle's collaboration with the CAS Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources began in 1995. Together with his Chinese coworkers, Dr. Rozelle extensively studied China's agriculture and rural development, and his work on the country's agricultural economics and policies greatly enhanced the world's understanding of rural reform in China. One year later, both winners received the International S&T Cooperation Award and Friendship Award from the Chinese government at the Great Hall of the People.

Established to “honor foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to facilitating cooperation with CAS in science and technology, and encourage more efforts in this respect that will strengthen CAS's science innovation capacity to promote its research performance, education, training, management, and reputation in the international scientific community”, the Award, after ten years, has recognized a total of 28 outstanding scientists from all over the world.

On January 16, 2017, CAS President BAI Chunli conferred the tenth International Scientific Cooperation Award on to the three awardees of this year: Dr. CHEN Deliang recommended by the CAS Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Dr. Earl Ward Plummer by the CAS Institute of Physics, and Dr. Shavkat Salikhov by the Xinjiang Technical Institute of Physics and Chemistry. In this issue of *BCAS*, we are privileged to have two of them – Dr. CHEN and Dr. Plummer – to share their decades-long experiences of working with CAS, and their insights on the research future in China.