

Beijing High-Tech Expo signs US\$10.8b deals

The 20th China Beijing International High-Tech Expo (CHITEC) ended in the Chinese capital on June 10, attracting more than 200,000 attendees. A total of 82 projects of technology trading and industrial cooperation contracts have been signed with the total amount of 73.326 billion yuan (about US\$10.8 billion) during the three-day expo.

CHITEC, first launched in 1998, has witnessed the transformation of Chinese sci-tech innovation from the low-end industrial value chain to a higher sci-tech power in the past two decades. This year's expo featured a number of technologically sophisticated projects such as top-notch Tiangong-2 and COMAC C919, graphene waterborne paint which is a technological breakthrough in the field, and QD image sensor and so on. These original achievement showcase that China is on course to become a world-class sci-tech powerhouse.

According to the organizing committee, deals in the aerospace industry, new generation of information technology and new material amounted to 49.5 billion yuan, while projects aimed at improving people's lives totaled 20.8 billion yuan.

Beijing accelerates sub-center building with 255 major projects

Beijing has arranged 255 major engineering projects this year to accelerate the construction of its sub-center. By now, the overall design of the sub-center and the detailed design of six key areas have been reviewed by experts.

By the end of April, a total of 27 new projects have been launched, and 140 projects worth 16.35 billion yuan (US\$2.41 billion) are under construction. The first-phase construction of the sub-center's administrative area is speeding up, and the city's major departments are expected to begin relocation by the end of this year.

Shi Weiliang, chief planner of Beijing's urban planning and land resources authority, revealed that the plan of the six-square-kilometer administrative office area of the sub-center has been completed. He said that the overall plan of the entire Tongzhou District was rolled out last year, with the focus on the planning of the peripheral towns with unique characteristics and their coordination with the sub-center, surrounding cities and downtown Beijing.

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The first edition of the [Migration Media Award](#) will award 35 journalists from 16 countries for their journalistic excellence on migration in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The award ceremony will be held on 14th June evening in Valletta, Malta, under the auspices of Malta's EU presidency. The winning entries feature fact-based and impartial reporting on the complexity of migration, its many challenges and opportunities. High quality reporting as rewarded by the new journalistic competition is urgently needed to improve people's understanding of migration.

The [twelve first-prize winners](#) for the four categories of video, print, online or radio in the English, French or Arabic languages come from eight different countries: Sameh Ellabody, Ahmed Shalaby and Abdelrahman Ayyash from Egypt; Marco Panzetti, the team Marco Stefanelli, Nerina Schiavo and Nadia Lucisano from Italy; Fouzi Bendjama from Algeria; Catarina Santos from Portugal; Daniel Trilling from the UK; Elisa Perriguer, the Egypt-based team François Hume-Ferkatadji and Jenna Le Bras from France, and Salaheddine Lemaizi from Morocco. A multimedia prize will be presented to Migration Matters from Germany as an additional first prize.

An international jury, composed of reputable senior journalists, evaluated over 120 applications. Impressed with the quality of the previously published pieces and the proposals for future productions which this award scheme will fund, jury member Aidan White from the Ethical Journalism Network said: "This kind of reporting does great credit to the cause of public-interest journalism. It shines a powerful light on the humanitarian and policy challenges of the recent 'migration crisis'. The authors raise questions that cannot be ignored and challenge those who come up with easy answers."

The Migration Media Award is a new EU-funded journalism competition bringing together four partners based on the initiative of the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). The EUROMED Migration IV and OPEN Media Hub projects, funded by the EU, developed the scheme in partnership with the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and Malta's Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion.

The award scheme is the first EU-funded activity that addresses the various challenges that journalists face when it comes to conducting balanced and fact-based reporting on migration. These challenges and barriers were identified in the recently launched study entitled "How does the media on both sides of the Mediterranean report on migration?" in which journalists from 17 countries examined the quality of migration media coverage in 2015/16.

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