

Beijing certifies 14 industry experts for honors

The Beijing Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau has certified 14 experts from various academic and professional fields as "Beijing Scholars." They are the third group of experts to be honored.

The 14 scholars, including Ge Gennian at the Capital Normal University and Ji Jiafu at Beijing Cancer Hospital, are the representatives in the capital who stand out among their fellows in fields such as medicine, information technology, agriculture, law and economics.

The Beijing Scholar Program, launched in late 2012 by the Beijing municipal government, is the city's top talent training program aimed at grooming a number of world-class scientists, engineers and masters to stand at the forefront of their fields.

Every two years, the program selects no more than 15 scholars from the sectors of natural sciences, engineering, technology, philosophy, and social sciences. This is a vital move in support of the capital city's construction as a center of technological innovation with global influences.

In recent years, the bureau has built a support and training platform across different sectors and institutions for Beijing's scholars by developing personalized training plans and employing academicians from the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Chinese Academy of Engineering as tutors.

Beijing has made fruitful results over the recent five years since the implementation of the program. There have been four scholars selected to become academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, accounting for a quarter of the current number of the academicians from municipal units.

The last five years have also seen the largest number of talent in the city becoming academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering. Nine scholars have won the three national science and technology awards, many scholars have made breakthroughs in scientific research, and many have served in major international and domestic academic institutions.

This year, the city has made a number of amendments to the pilot scheme of the program by promoting incentives and implementing policies more flexibly. For example, the Beijing Scholars will have the cap on their total salaries removed, and may apply to extend their retirement age.