

Announcement of 2022 China-ASEAN Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (CAIEC)

Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China, together with ASEAN Secretariat will hold the 2022 China-ASEAN Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition (hereinafter referred to as “the Competition”) . The relevant information of the Competition is as follows.

I. Background

The Competition is committed to implementing the consensus on the establishment of a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership reached by the leaders of China and ASEAN at the ASEAN-China Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations, following the spirit of the Special Session of China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation and the 11th Meeting of ASEAN-China Joint Science, Technology and Innovation Committee.

The Competition aims to advance cooperation on science, technology and innovation and enhance regional innovation capacity between China and ASEAN in line with the ASEAN-China Plan of Action on a Closer Partnership of Science, Technology and Innovation for Future (2021-2025) and the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (APASTI) 2016-2025, and build a closer China-ASEAN community with a shared future.

II. Theme

Innovation Cooperation for a Shared Future

III. Organizations

Hosted by

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

ASEAN Secretariat

Organized by

Department of International Cooperation of Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China

ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation

(COSTI)

Torch High Technology Industry Development Center of
Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of
China

Department of Science and Technology of Guangxi Zhuang
Autonomous Region (China-ASEAN Technology Transfer
Center, CATTC)

Co-organized by

Guangxi Institute of Industrial Technology

IV. Organizing Committee

The Organizing Committee of the Competition is composed of
Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of
China, ASEAN Secretariat, Department of International
Cooperation of Ministry of Science and Technology of the
People's Republic of China, Torch High Technology Industry
Development Center of Ministry of Science and Technology,
ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation
(COSTI), and Department of Science and Technology of
Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region (China-ASEAN
Technology Transfer Center, CATTC). The representatives of

the Mission of the People's Republic of China to ASEAN will be involved in the work of the Organizing Committee of the Competition.

V. Participation Requirements

5.1 Registration and Evaluation

5.1.1 Enterprises and teams that meet the participating requirements can log on to the official website of the Competition (www.caiec.cattc.org.cn) for registration, submit complete registration documents as required, and be responsible for the accuracy and authenticity of the information provided.

If you cannot register on the website, you may need to download the registration form (as attached), and send the complete form with all relevant registration documents to the email: caiec2022@vip.163.com. The subject of the e-mail should be named as “CAIEC registration-project name-contact person”.

The registration can be completed via website and email only, all other registration channels are invalid. No registration fee is charged for the Competition.

Registration Period: August 8th to September 30th, 2022.

5.2 Eligibility Confirmation

The Organizing Committee of the Competition will exam the registration documents and evaluate the eligibility of the participating enterprises and teams. The groups that meet the requirements and have submitted complete registration documents will advance to the initial selection.

The Competition shall exercise veto power to reject any enterprise or team that does not meet the participating requirements.

Due date of eligibility confirmation: October 14th, 2022.

5.3 Participating Groups and Requirements

The Competition is open to Chinese and ASEAN universities, institutes, enterprises and other social organizations. The participants are divided into enterprise groups and team groups.

5.3.1 Enterprise Groups

5.3.1.1 Legally registered in China or ASEAN member states. The intellectual property rights for the participating projects shall be dispute-free.

5.3.1.2 Registered and established after January 1, 2017 (inclusive). The register capital does not exceed US\$4.5 million.

5.3.1.3 The operating income of the enterprise in 2021 does not exceed US\$30 million.

5.3.1.4 Non-listed enterprises that operates in compliance with local rules, and have good social reputation without bad records (enterprises listed on the NEEQ or the Regional Equities Exchange and Quotations are allowed to participate in the Competition).

5.3.2 Team Groups

5.3.2.1 With technological innovation achievements and entrepreneurial plans that have not been registered as enterprises currently.

5.3.2.2 The team members must participate in and execute the

participating projects. The products and technologies in participating projects as well as related patents belong to the team members and are free from any property rights disputes.

5.4 Fields of Participating Projects

The fields of participating projects of the Competition are divided as follows:

5.4.1 Modern Agriculture: including but not limited to research and development, manufacturing and service of the high-tech products in the fields of modern agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery, development and utilization of biomass energy, manufacturing of intelligent agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery equipment, construction of modern farmland water conservancy facilities, science and technology and technical services of agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery, treatment and restoration of agriculture-related soil pollution, etc.

5.4.2 Digital Economy: including but not limited to digital product manufacturing, digital product service, digital technology application, digital factor driving, digital efficiency

improvement, etc.

5.4.3 Biomedicine and Health: including but not limited to biomedical industries (including medical devices), biomedical engineering industries, bio-agriculture and related industries, biomass energy industries, other biotech and health industries, etc.

5.4.4 Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection: including but not limited to high-efficiency energy-saving industries (including new energy vehicles and new energy industries), advanced environmental protection industries and resource recycling industries.

5.5 Participation Requirements

5.5.1 Each group can only participate as enterprise group or team group but not both.

5.5.2 Participants must strictly abide by the laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China and ASEAN member states, and observe the public order and good customs of the People's Republic of China and ASEAN member states.

5.5.3 The Competition will be held with the division of the participants into enterprise groups and team groups. Each group should have no less than 3 core members (inclusive), and the total number of members of Chinese and ASEAN origin should account for at least 50% (inclusive) in each team.

5.5.4 The participants from China, ASEAN member states and other countries are encouraged to form a joint group. The total number of participants from China and ASEAN member states should be no less than 50% of all the members of the joint group.

5.6 Language

The official language of the Competition is English. All registration documents must be submitted in English according to the requirements. The roadshow and Q&A of the semi-finals and finals will also be conducted in English. The Organizing Committee will offer EN-CH simultaneous interpretation for the finals.

VI. Competition Schedule

6.1 Competition Processes

The Competition consists of initial selection, semi-finals, and finals. The proportion of the teams advancing into semi-finals and finals will be determined by the number and the quality of entries among other factors.

The initial selection and the semi-finals will be divided into enterprises groups and team groups according to the above four fields.

6.1.1 The initial selection will be performed by material review. The Organizing Committee will organize experts to conduct a unified evaluation by field of participating projects according to the Overview of the Entry, Business Plan, and Presentations materials. A certain proportion of groups will advance into Semi-finals in line with the evaluation scores.

Scheduled Time: October, 2022

6.1.2 The semi-finals will be held according to fields of participating projects, and each field of the semi-finals will be divided into enterprise groups and team groups. On-site venues are scheduled to set up in Nanning (China), Bangkok (Thailand), and Singapore for the semi-finals (tentative, may adjust as

needed). The semi-finals will be a combination of on-site and online with “7+5” (7-minute roadshow and 5-minute defense), a certain proportion of groups shall advance into the finals, and “Cooperation Star” award and “Creativity Star” award will be selected. The entries that advance into the finals of the Competition will be released on the official website for public supervision.

Scheduled Time: November, 2022

6.1.3 The finals will be held in Nanning (China). Around 10 enterprise groups and 10 team groups shall advance to the finals and compete together on-site and online, the whole process of which will be streamlined online.

The finals only divided into enterprise groups and team groups, all fields of participating projects will compete together, and will be held in Nanning, Guangxi, China on-site and online. All participating projects will be judged by “8+7” (8-minute roadshow and 7-minute defense). Winning projects will be selected according to the score.

Scheduled Time: December, 2022.

6.2 Pre-competition Training

Before the semi-finals and finals, the Competition will invite entrepreneurial mentors with rich experience in competition, enterprise operation management, entrepreneurship or investment and financing to provide pre-competition training and coaching for finalist groups.

VII. Awards

The prize amount of the Competition is set as follows:

7.1 Team Groups

Prizes and winner certificates shall be granted to 10 winning teams, including 1 first prize with 40,000 RMB competition bonus, 3 second prizes with 20,000 RMB competition bonus each, and 6 third prizes with 7,000 RMB competition bonus each.

7.2 Enterprise Groups

Prizes and winner certificates shall be granted to 10 winning enterprise teams, including 1 first prize with 50,000 RMB competition bonus, 3 second prizes with 30,000 RMB competition bonus each, and 6 third prizes with 10,000 RMB

competition bonus each.

7.3 Cooperation Star

Prizes and winner certificates shall be granted to 10 winning groups with an award of 3,000 RMB each.

7.4 Creativity Star

Prizes and winner certificates shall be granted to 10 winning groups with an award of 3,000 RMB each.

VIII. Others

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