INTRODUCTION

Symbolizing communication and cooperation between the East and the West, the ancient Silk Road Spirit - peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit - is a historic and cultural heritage shared by all countries around the world. In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping launched the important cooperation initiative of building the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road (the Belt and Road) which will link China with Europe through Central and Western Asia and also connect China with Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe.

The building of the Belt and Road can help promote the economic prosperity of the countries along the Belt and Road and regional economic cooperation, strengthen exchanges and mutual learning between different civilizations, and promote world peace and development.

China just hosted the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) in Beijing on 14-15 May 2017. Noting that the Belt and Road Initiative can create opportunities amidst challenges and changes, China are supporting the Belt and Road Initiative to enhance connectivity between Asia and Europe, which is also open to other regions such as Africa and South America. By providing important opportunities for countries to deepen cooperation, it has achieved positive outcomes and has future potential to deliver more benefits as an important international initiative.

The Belt and Road Initiative also aiming at promoting people-to-people exchanges and bonds by deepening practical cooperation on education, science, technology, sport, health, think-tank, media, capacity building including through internships.

Aiming at promoting Inquiry-Based Science Education (IBSE) among the countries that sharing a common heritage of the ancient Silk Road and also within the framework of the Belt and Road initiative, China Association of Children’s Science Instructors (CACSI), Children and youth science centers of CAST (CYSC), IAP Science Education Programme (IAP SEP) and Economic cooperation organization science foundation (ECOSF) will co-organize the 2017 international forum on science education in Beijing on July2-5, 2017.

With the theme of “The history and science education along the Belt and Road”, this forum will be an opportunity for historians of S&T and science education curriculum designers to work together trying to figure out the way to develop an IBSE curriculum
basing on the S&T achievement in the histories of civilizations along the Belt and Road countries.

**ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS**

- China Association of Children’s Science Instructors (CACSI)
- Children & Youth Science Center of CAST (CYSCC)
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**THEMES**

The History and Science Education along The Belt and Road

**DATE AND VENUE**

- Dates: 2 July - 5 July, 2017
- Venue: China Hall Of Science and Technology, Beijing, China

**Initial Programme**

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