Collaboration in Research, Education and Innovation between Switzerland and the Asia-Pacific Region

Feedback on Action Plan
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Strategic Goals 2013-2016

Strategic goals in contract with SERI:

i. Further development of the research collaboration and scientific exchange with China, Japan and South Korea,

ii. Identification of additional Asia-Pacific countries with promising potential for future research collaboration,

iii. Comprehensive and professional exploration and provision of information of the emerging countries in the region.

Action Plan: First Goal

1) Further development of the research collaboration and scientific exchange with China, Japan and South Korea.

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**Action Plan: Second and Third Goal**

2) Identification of additional Asia-Pacific countries with promising potential for future research collaboration.

3) Comprehensive and professional exploration and provision of information of the emerging countries in the region.

Pilot activities with additional countries in the Asia/Pacific region

- **Phase 1 (2013-mid2014)**: Which countries? Preparatory and exploratory activities > mapping exercise of the science, higher education and innovation landscape in the Asia-Pacific region and of Swiss research relations with these countries.

- **Phase 2 (mid2014-mid2016)**: Which instruments? Joint pilot activities > establish linkages with selected countries with small grants, exploratory missions, short courses for science administrators.
  - Objective: Recommendation to SERI with a short list of well selected candidate countries.

- **Phase 3 (2016)**: Consolidation of the suggested short list of candidate countries for future cooperation > evaluation of experience and report to SERI.

**Feedback from UZH: Action Plan 2013-2016**

- Calls are decided upon interest of researchers and institutions in both countries.
- Technology driven by partner countries and leading houses.
  - Workshops with focus on:
    - Human Medicine (China), not mentioned explicitly in the Action Plan
    - Human Medicine and Nanosciences (Japan)
    - Computing and Electronics (South Korea)
- New calls:
  - China > Translational Biomedicine and Medical Technology
Feedback from UZH: Suggestions

– Science & Technology does not mean a reduction to Natural Science and Engineering, but includes Social Sciences and Humanities as well.
  ✓ Generally, no academic restrictions.
  ✓ As in the past phase, funding for personnel exchanges, joint workshops and research communities open to all academic fields.
  ✓ Reserve some funding for possible call in the fields of Social Sciences and/or Humanities.

– Ideas:
  ✓ Project in Intellectual Property Rights
  ✓ Project in Media and Communication Research
  ✓ Project in Psychology

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Thank you for your attention!