

# **Cooperation agreement signed by the National Innovation Office and the Chinese State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA)**

Shenzhen, December 11, 2012 - Dr. György Mészáros, President of the National Innovation Office (NIO) met the chief executives of the Chinese State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) in Shenzhen on December 11, 2012. The purpose of the NIO delegation's visit was, beyond the deepening of bilateral science & technology (S&T) relations, to conclude an inter-institutional cooperation agreement.

The prelude to the signing ceremony was Mr. President's previous discussion with SAFEA's leaders.

One of NIO's main goals is to promote the commercial utilisation and market expansion of the manifestations of the Hungarian knowledge pool with every possible means on hand on both domestic and international levels.

Dr. György Mészáros conducted a round of meetings with leaders of Chinese state institutions and professional organisations last September. This group of negotiating partners was complemented by representatives of enterprises playing a decisive role on an international scale who had expressed considerable interest in the results of Hungary's research, development and innovation (RDI) activity.

As a result of the previous round of meetings, Mr. President signed an inter-institutional cooperation agreement during his December visit. Mr. Lu Ming, SAFEA's Vice Administrator met Mr. President in Shenzhen on the 2nd day of the 11th Conference on International Exchange of Professionals (CIEP). The parties inked a cooperation agreement after their discussion. The aim of the document is to encourage the exchange of experts in the various fields of agriculture, industry, as well as services. SAFEA's deputy chief greatly appreciated the results of Hungary's RDI and NIO's professional activity in mediating these. The signing of the document is a big leap forward in our bilateral cooperation, laying the foundations of fruitful future partnership, he said.

The term of the agreement is five years. The signatories undertook to support the exchange of professionals with their own means along the suggestions of joint committee, to be established in the future, comprising delegates of the parties.