

ICSTI took part in the forum, exhibition and opening of the Information Technology and Equipment Platform in Vietnam

On November 25-27, 2021, the ICSTI delegation took an online participation in the forum, exhibition and opening of the Information Technology and Equipment Platform in Hanoi (Vietnam). D.Sc. Yuri Lonchakov, Director of ICSTI, The Director

of ICSTI addressed the participants of this important event with a welcoming speech.

ICSTI representatives participated in the scientific program of the forum and watched the launch of the scientific and technical information platform.

Welcoming speech of the director of the international intergovernmental organization “International Center for Scientific and Technical Information”

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Distinguished guests and participants of the forum and exhibition,

Let me warmly welcome you on behalf of the international intergovernmental organization International Centre for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI).

ICSTI is a specialized international organization established at the initiative of the Soviet Union in 1969 on the basis of an intergovernmental agreement registered by the United Nations.

Today ICSTI includes 22 member states. The Socialist Republic of Vietnam has also been a member of ICSTI since 1979, when the 18th session of the Committee of Plenipotentiary Representatives, the highest governing body of our organization, was successfully held in Hanoi.

I consider it significant that Mr. Tran Dak Hien, the Plenipotentiary Representative of Vietnam at ICSTI, Director General of the National Agency for Scientific and Techno-

logical Information of the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam, is one of the organizers of today's most important forum-exhibition.

Dear Mr. Tran Dak Hien, let me present to you and through you to the National Agency for Scientific and Technological Information, as well as the entire Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam, my highest compliments and congratulate you on the opening of this significant event.

For me, as Director of the International Centre for Scientific and Technical Information, it is of great importance that the development of science and technology is the top priority of Vietnam's national policy. It is science and the use of modern technologies that provide a powerful incentive for the rapid and sustainable development of Vietnam, restructuring its economy, diversifying the economic growth model, increasing labor productivity, quality, effi-

ciency and competitiveness in the context of globalization.

Vietnam's achievements in the scientific and technological field and the digital economy are associated with the implementation of the National Program for Digital Transformation until 2025 with a perspective until 2030. Its results are impressive.

Vietnamese scientists have made remarkable advances in SARS-CoV-2 research, enabling Vietnam to develop its own vaccines as well as more effective prevention methods against the virus.

Viettel, a Vietnamese company, has made important strides in 5G technology and can now manufacture 5G-enabled equipment, which will ensure the country's strong competitive position in the region in the coming decades.

As an astronaut who has been in space three times, I would like to especially note the successes of Vietnam in the development of flight control technologies and the selection of a balloon in the stratosphere. In my opinion, it is very important that the research data and technologies being developed can be widely used to protect the environment, save the sea and forests, monitor floods, landslides and collect information on forest fires.

I am sure that the Information Technology and Equipment Platform, which is being opened during today's forum and exhibition, will make a significant contribution to the technological development of Vietnam.

Investment is the breeding ground for the development and implementation of technologies. Vietnam is currently one of

the most attractive investment markets in the region. Both foreign investors and large Vietnamese enterprises invest in Vietnamese startups. In this regard, I would like to wish the authors of startups, whose innovative products are demonstrated during the forum-exhibition, to find major investors and make their visible contribution to the development of Vietnam.

The undisputed leader in promoting innovative startups is Hanoi, the venue for today's event. It is in Hanoi that a city project is being implemented aimed at creating an ecosystem of innovative startups, building a startup culture, and developing human capital. Hanoi is well positioned to become a startup hub and the first smart city in Vietnam, with 119 higher education institutions, 18 start-up schools, 4 national venture capital funds and 6 international investment fund offices in Hanoi. Innovation activity is one of the main tasks of the social and economic development of Hanoi for the period up to 2025.

I am glad to announce that in November this year ICSTI signed an agreement with Ms. Nguyen Mai Hong, the General Director of the Hanoi V-exim solutions company. I am sure that the joint program of cooperation that we are developing will become the basis for close cooperation in the field of technology transfer between ICSTI and the National Agency for Scientific and Technological Information of the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam.

Let me sincerely wish all the guests and participants of today's forum and exhibition fruitful activities and success in their innovative way of developing Vietnam!

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