

2014 Annual report



SHANGHAI INSTITUTES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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Industry. Originality.
Patriotism. Cosmopolitanism.



President's Message

In recent years, Chinese think tanks have been developing vigorously and making important contribution to our reform and modernization. In the sixth meeting of the Leading Group for Overall Reform, Chinese President Xi Jinping called for building a new type of think tanks as China looks to modernize its governance. The document issued by the General Office of the CPC Central Committee and the General Office of the State Council further clarifies the direction and paths of building Chinese think tanks: "A new type of think tank is a non-profit institute focusing on strategic and public policy studies to promote scientific and democratic decision-making."

Aspiring to strengthen the construction of new think tanks with Chinese characteristics, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies needs to go beyond our traditional roles to tackle new situations and challenges.

Traditional tasks of Chinese think tanks are to analyze domestic and international landscape for policy-makers. In the new era of deepening reform and modernization, Chinese think tanks should take on and be able to carry out these new tasks: constructing ideas, theories, strategies and policies; drawing lessons from other countries' experience and promoting China's experience to the world; and developing think tanks of international reputation and global influence.

These new tasks require Chinese think tanks to enhance capabilities of re-thinking fundamentally, integrating brainpower, shaping the global agenda and focusing on the overall situation. Chinese think tanks will play a more important role in providing comprehensive solutions, cultivating talent and building a better world in years to come.

In 2014, China continued to forge ahead and expand all-round diplomacy. It was also a year of harvest for Shanghai. Over the past year, SIIS has made significant progress on numbers of fronts. In the spirit of serving China's overall diplomacy, we have striven to provide strategic policy solutions and developed forward-looking policy initiatives.

I. Focusing on China's overall diplomacy, formulating strategies and carrying out academic exchanges both home and abroad

SIIS played an active role in supporting foreign diplomatic activities of the central government. One of the centerpieces of SIIS's work in 2014 is supporting the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Summit in Shanghai. SIIS proactively predicted possible challenges and explored critical issues concerning the 2014 CICA Summit one year before. SIIS was at the forefront of studying CICA. Our task force focused on Asia security architecture and our energetic efforts had led to series of ripple effects. The output of the in-depth research was highly regarded by policy-makers. Vice Foreign Minister Cheng Guoping noted SIIS's qualitative work and spoke highly of SIIS's contribution.

In addition, SIIS expanded its existing think tank networks to implement the overall strategy of CICA. Entrusted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SIIS successfully held the first and second "CICA Think Tank Roundtable" in March and October, 2014. The roundtable brought together scholars from think tanks of CICA member states. Participants from China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Qatar, South Korea, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey and Ukraine attended the meeting of "Asian Security and Development Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities" and all agreed the *Shanghai Declaration of the Launching of CICA Think Tank Roundtable*.

SIIS played an active role in providing theoretic insight, strategic thinking and policy recommendations for diplomatic and foreign-related activities.



SIIS holds the international conference on "CICA Shanghai Summit: Asian Security and Development Cooperation".

Work Review of 2014



Vice Foreign Minister Cheng Guoping pays a visit to SIIS.



Vice Foreign Minister Li Baodong attends the "China Australia Regional Symposium".

Mr. Cyril Svoboda, former Vice Premier of the Czech Republic makes a speech on ASEM Thinktank Symposium.

We conducted research on critical issues that concerns policy-makers and provided advice on important foreign-related activities. Prior to Premier Li Keqiang's attendance at the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), SIIS received over 60 scholars from 27 member states of Asia-Europe Meeting. Scholars had ongoing discussions about prospects of the connectivity between Asia and Europe. SIIS and Australia National University co-hosted the "China Australia Regional Symposium". Vice Foreign Minister and G20 coordinator Li Baodong gave a keynote speech in the symposium at SIIS.

Focusing on critical issues and providing advice on key policies to decision-makers, SIIS increased its presence in the academic community and the international arena. SIIS experts carried out ongoing studies on the linkage of the "Belt and Road" initiative between Russia and Eastern Europe, and explored issues on governance of the Polar Region, Northern Sea Route and cyber security, etc.

SIIS also played a leading role in the study of diplomatic theories with Chinese characteristics and exploring a wide range of critical and pressing global and regional issues. Our research achievement has been recognized widely. In 2014, our experts published 7 academic books, 35 academic articles in CSSCI journals and 42 articles in other general academic journals. The National Social Science Fund approved 3 of SIIS projects. Two of the approved projects are major projects of the National Social Science Fund.



II. Serving Shanghai's economic and social development and focusing on three priorities

The first priority is to support the major foreign-related activities of Shanghai Municipal Government. SIIS analyzed facts and provided policy recommendations on the Shanghai CICA Summit to the Foreign Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal Government and shared its experience with universities regarding constructing the new-type think tanks in series of workshops. In the study of China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone (SHFTZ), SIIS concentrated its focus on three areas: SHFTZ and trends in international finance; the linkage between SHFTZ and the "One Belt One Road" Initiative; and SHFTZ and important foreign-related activities.

The second priority is to analyze critical events and interpret the changing world for policy-makers from the Shanghai Municipal People's Government at all levels. SIIS experts explored the issues of the governance of international NGOs and launched several research initiatives. Shanghai Mayor Yang Xiong took the policy advice on attracting international NGOs to Shanghai; SIIS worked in close coordination with the Chinese Embassy in Austria and the Foreign Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government to provide policy advice and support the delegation to Austria headed by Shanghai Executive Vice Mayor Tu Guangshao.

The third priority is to plan and support foreign-related events of Shanghai Municipality. SIIS made a great contribution in providing policy input for the Shanghai Mayor's Advisory Council. The Shanghai Municipal Government hosted the commemoration of the first World Cities Day in Shanghai in 2014. SIIS introduced new ideas and provided policy recommendations on the preparation of the celebration. SIIS also commissioned reports and studies for the Shanghai CPPCC on Shanghai's public diplomacy. To study Shanghai's city image, SIIS launched a survey in collaboration with the Shanghai CPPCC and Information Office of Shanghai Municipality. SIIS experts also constructed the China City Public Diplomacy Index to measure the foreign exchange of major Chinese cities.



President of Iceland Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson meets with Vice President Yang Jian.



SIIS Research Fellow accompanies Kyrgyz President Almazbek Atambayev who visits Shanghai to attend the CICA Shanghai Summit.

Work Review of 2014

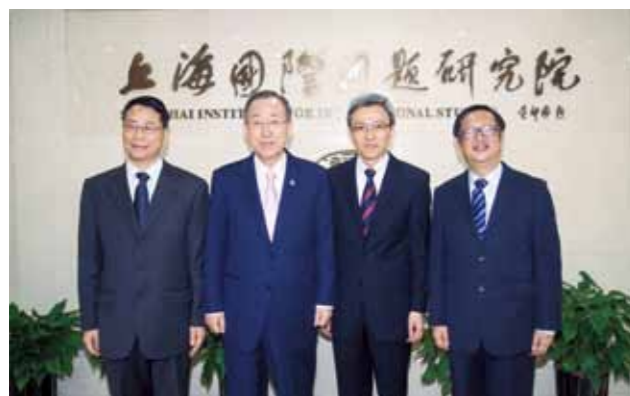


SIIS President Chen Dongxiao attends the 26th International Business Leaders' Advisory Council for the Mayor of Shanghai (IBLAC).

III. Broadening SIIS's international reach through expanding presence and network, framing debates and stimulating new ideas

SIIS continued to provide platforms for dialogues and connect policy-makers around the world. This year, we received dignitaries such as UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Iranian President Rouhani, Ali Akbar Velayati, Advisor on International Affairs to the Supreme Leader of Iran, Axel van Trotsenburg, Vice President of the World Bank, Lillianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, Asif Ali Zardari, former President of Pakistan, Cyril Svoboda, former Deputy Prime Minister of Czech, Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia and Yaşar Yağış, former Foreign Minister of Turkey, etc.

SIIS actively engaged international organizations to build and expand global policy networks. SIIS and the World Bank co-hosted the international seminar of "Transformation in Middle Income Countries and Future Multilateral Cooperation". It was the second seminar held by SIIS and the World Bank and further strengthened bilateral cooperation mechanism between the two. SIIS and UNDP signed the memorandum of cooperation and co-hosted the 2nd High Level Policy Forum on Global Governance with UNDP China office and China Center for International Economic Exchanges.



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon pays a visit to SIIS.

In 2014, SIIS convened academic activities in a truly qualitative manner. By the end of 2014, SIIS had received 285 delegations, a total of 934 people, including one head of international organization, one head of state, two former heads of state and government. Our experts traveled extensively around the world to interview local government officials and foreign affairs experts. In 2014, SIIS sent 106 delegations in total of 144 people. SIIS held 41 conferences and provided forums for experts and officials to discuss global pressing issues and develop strategic insight. SIIS also received 16 visiting scholars and interns.

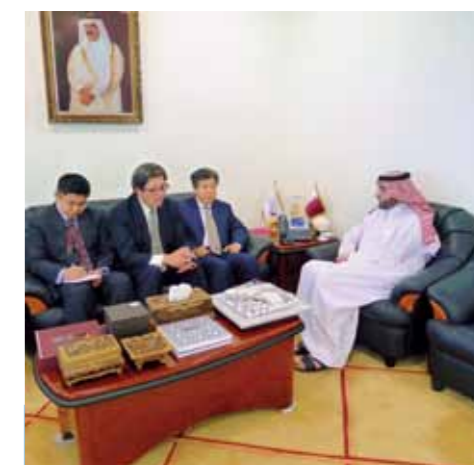
Under the leadership of Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council PRC, SIIS held the annual conference "Taiwan Issues in China-Europe Relations". In addition, SIIS also conducted research under the guidance of H.E. Mr Tung Chee-hwa, Vice Chairman of CPPCC.



SIIS research fellows work at the China-US Exchange Foundation and meet with Tung Chee-hwa, Vice Chairman of CPPCC and former Chief Executive of Hong Kong.



Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Vice President of the World Bank attends the international conference on "Transformation in Middle Income Countries and Future Multilateral Cooperation" co-sponsored by SIIS and the World Bank.



The SIIS delegation visits Qatar.

Conferences

In 2014, SIIS held and co-held 41 conferences including 25 international conferences. These conferences, which were organized in various formats and focused on the current international affairs and critical issues of Chinese foreign policy, greatly stimulated idea exchanges and brainstorming among experts.

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Highlights of the Year



① SIIS, German Marshall Fund of the United States and Swedish MFA co-hold the Stockholm China Forum. Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt gives the keynote speech.



② SIIS and Russian World Public Forum-Dialogue of Civilization co-hold the international symposium on "Strengthening Economic Cooperation between China and Russia".



③ SIIS holds ASEM Think-Tank Symposium. HRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh delivers a speech.



④ SIIS holds the China-Japan Think-Tank Forum.



⑤ SIIS holds the 18th Symposium on "Global New Pattern and Cross-Straits Relations".



⑥ SIIS holds the international conference on "CICA Shanghai Summit: Asian Security and Development Cooperation".



⑦ SIIS holds the international conference on "Asian Countries and the Arctic Future".



⑧ SIIS and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) hold the international symposium on "China's West meets Europe's East: Going Beyond Established Sino-European Cooperation".



⑨ SIIS holds the "China-Australia Regional Symposium".

Distinguished Guests

As a think-tank devoting itself to international studies, SIIS attracts personages from various fields every year. In 2014, SIIS received 285 delegations, a total of 934 people.



- ①② Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon pays a visit to SIIS and writes an inscription for SIIS.
- ③④ Iran President Hassan Rouhani attends the breakfast meeting hosted by SIIS.
- ⑤⑥ Former Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari delivers a speech at SIIS.
- ⑦⑧ Former Prime Minister of Australia Kevin Rudd delivers the speech entitled "Witnessing China in 30 Years" at SIIS.

- ⑨ Mr. Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs of Brunei pays a visit to SIIS.
- ⑩ Mr. Muratbek Imanaliyev, former Secretary General at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization leads a delegation to SIIS.
- ⑪ Mr. Jorge Taiana, former Foreign Minister of Argentina attends SIIS Meeting of International Advisors.



Distinguished Guests



- 12 Shanghai Executive Vice Mayor Tu Guangshao meets with Axel van Trotsenburg, Vice President of the World Bank accompanied by SIIS President Chen Dongxiao.
- 13 Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Advisor on International Affairs to the Supreme Leader of Iran visits SIIS.
- 14 Mr. Dang Dinh Quy President of Vietnam Foreign Affairs University leads a delegation to SIIS.
- 15 Mr. Khudoyberdi Kholiqzazarov, former Foreign Minister of Tajikistan attends the CICA Think Tank Roundtable.
- 16 Mr. Yasar Yakis, former Foreign Minister of Turkey leads a delegation to SIIS.
- 17 Ms. Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, visits SIIS.



International Exchanges

SIIS actively engages itself in academic diplomacy and public diplomacy through international exchanges. In 2014, SIIS dispatched 106 delegations in total of 144 people abroad. Our experts traveled around the world and interacted with local government officials and foreign affairs experts. SIIS also received 16 visiting scholars and interns.



- 1 SIIS President Chen Dongxiao attends the meeting of Valdai Discussion Club.
- 2 SIIS Vice President Yang Jian leads a delegation to Czech Republic and attends the 2nd High Level Symposium of Think Tanks of China and Central Europe.
- 3 Prof. Ye Jiang visits CSIS as visiting scholar.
- 4 Prof. Yang Jiemian leads a delegation to Sri Lanka and meets with Prime Minister D.M. Jayaratne.

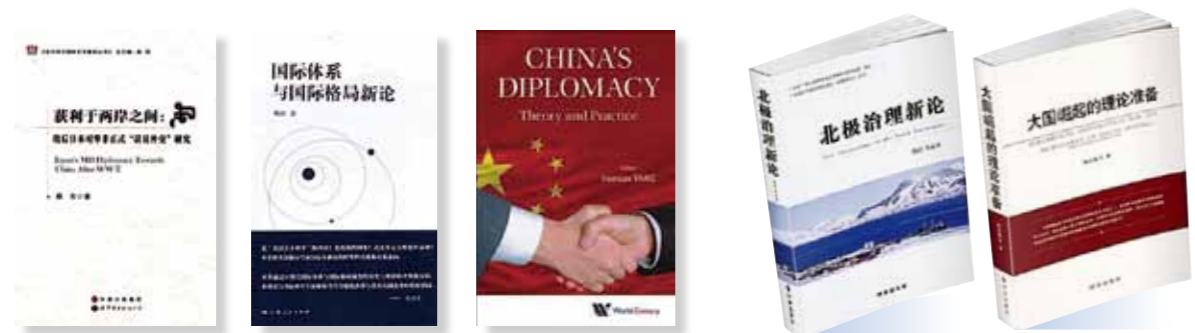
International Exchanges



- ⑤ Prof. Yu Hongyuan visits India and talks to Mr. Hamid Karzai, former President of Afghanistan.
- ⑥ Amb. Karl W. Eikenberry, SIIS Visiting Scholar and former Commander of NATO Troops in Afghanistan, gives a lecture.
- ⑦ Mr. Munetsi Madakufamba, Executive Director at Southern African Research and Documentation Centre, spends a week in SIIS as visiting scholar.
- ⑧ Mr. Francisco Nieto Guerrero, Director of the China Americas Global Initiative, spends three weeks in SIIS as visiting scholar.

Substantial Achievements

SIIS played a leading role in the study of diplomatic theories with Chinese characteristics. In 2014, our experts published 7 academic books, 35 academic articles in CSSCI journals and 42 articles in other general academic journals. There are 2 articles published in foreign academic journals. In 2004, SIIS extended the MoU with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung(FES).SIIS also signed MoU with UNDP China office, Center for Strategic Research (SAM), the Karachi Council on Foreign Relations (KCFR), World Scientific Publishing Company, Shanghai Shiji Publishing House and Shanghai International Studies University.



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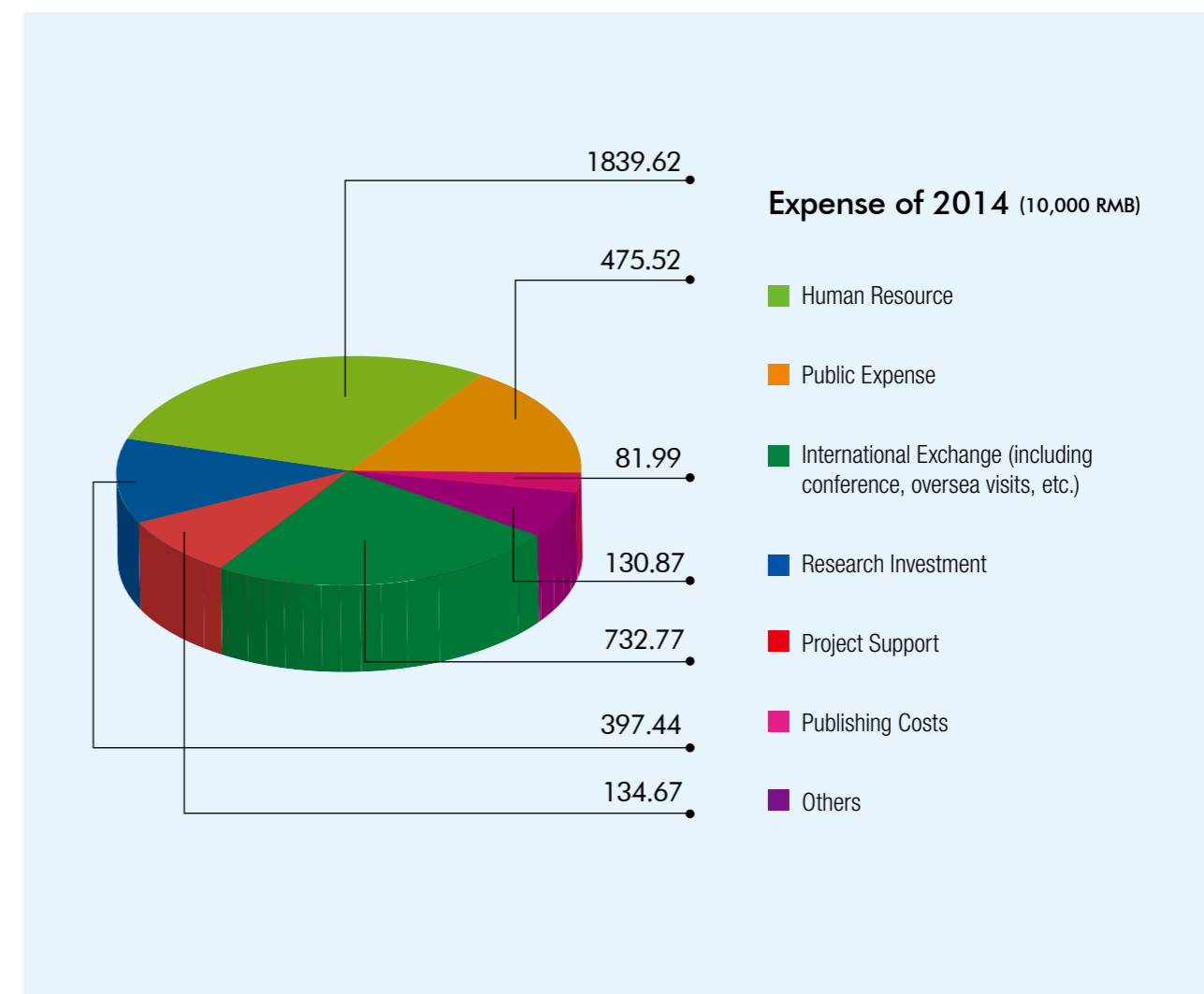
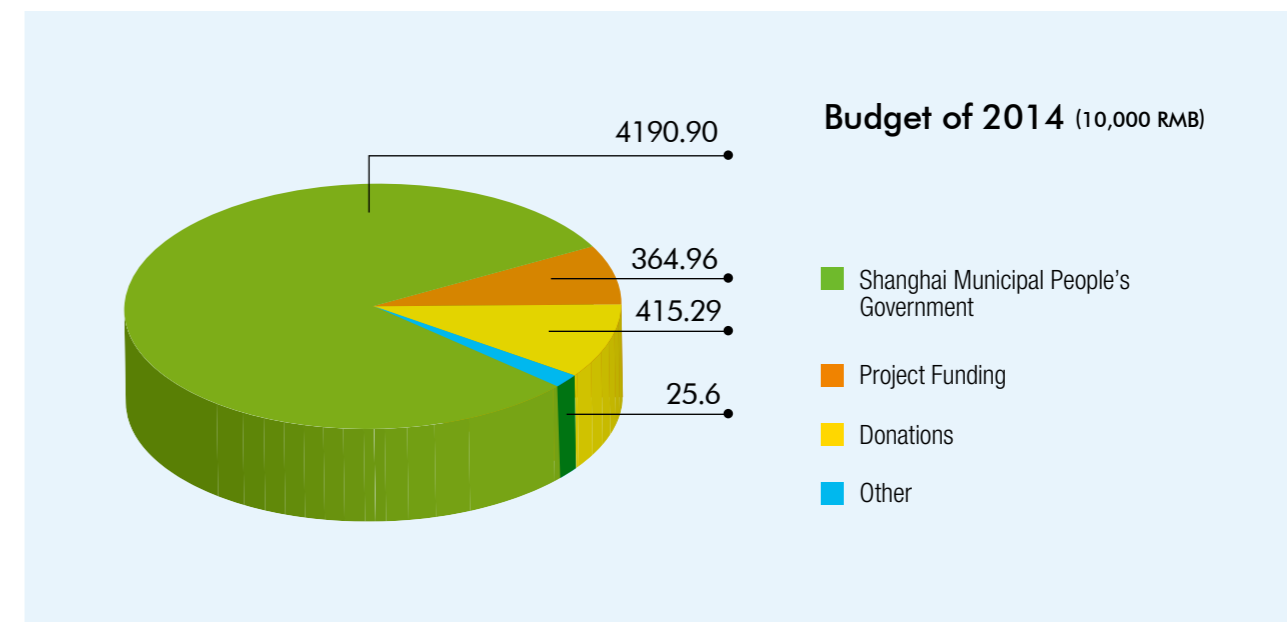


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- ① Part of SIIS's publication of the year 2014.
- ② SIIS extends the MoU with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).
- ③ SIIS signs the MoU on Multilingual Platform of Global Public Opinion with the Shanghai International Studies University.
- ④ SIIS signs the cooperation agreement with the World Scientific Publishing Company and Shanghai Shiji Publishing House.

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the Year Ahead



In 2015, inspired by the “Four Comprehensives” strategy and the central government’s guidelines on Chinese think tank building, SIIS will continue to make further reforms in an effort to upgrade itself into a new height.

A number of priorities will guide our work in 2015. The first is exploring the evolution of the international system and China’s global standing because 2015 marks the 70th anniversaries of the end of World War II and the founding of the United Nations. The second is to promote the study of Chinese relations with major powers through closely following state visits and meetings. The third priority is to enhance research on global development and governance through monitoring international multilateral summits on development issues. The fourth is to explore possible approaches to a new security architecture and security partnerships for the Asia-Pacific region from the Chinese perspective of new Asian security concept and the “One Belt and One Road” initiative. Priority five is to further deepen the study of the “One Country, Two Systems” principle and governance capacity building through following Taiwan’s local elections and Hong Kong’s political development. The last priority is to promote research on city diplomacy and public diplomacy according to the needs of Shanghai’s future development.

About us



The Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIS) was established in 1960. Through unswerving efforts by its staff members, SIS has become one of the well-known think tanks both in China and across the world. SIS dedicates itself to:

- Trans-disciplinary study of present-day international political, economic and security issues and China's foreign relations from a strategic and policy angle;
- Supply of consulting services to the Central Government and the Municipal Government on international affairs;
- Development and maintenance of contacts and cooperation with overseas research organs through co-sponsorship of academic conferences, joint launch and conduction of research projects, and exchange of visiting scholars;
- Promotion of government, media and popular awareness of trends and hot issues in world development.

SIS boasts a research team of over 90 members including more than 30 senior researchers, runs a postgraduate program as well as a postdoctoral research station, and publishes journals including *Global Review* and some other periodical reports.

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- Institute for International Strategic Studies
- Institute for Global Governance Studies
- Institute for World Economy Studies
- Institute for Foreign Policy Studies
- Institute for Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macao Studies
- Institute for Comparative Politics & Public Policy Studies
- Institute for Data Processing and Studies

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- Center for Asia-Pacific Studies
- Center for American Studies
- Center for Russian & Central Asian Studies
- Center for West Asian & African Studies
- Center for European Studies
- Center for Maritime and Polar Region Studies

