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Signing of MoU between ICWA and SIIS, September 6, 2013, Shanghai



Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, Director General, ICWA and Professor Chen Dongxiao, President of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) signed an MoU on behalf of their respective institutions for promoting friendly, cooperative and collaborative institutional relations, at SIIS, Shanghai, on 6 September 2013. Mr. Naveen Srivastava, Consul General, Consulate General of India, Shanghai, was also present on the occasion.

After the conclusion of the signing ceremony, both sides held a Roundtable on “Sino-Indian Relations and Regional Situation”. Ambassador C. V. Ranganathan, former Indian Ambassador to China, and Chairperson, ICWA’s Core Group on China, and Prof. Zhao Gancheng, Director of the Center for Asian-Pacific Studies, SIIS, made their presentations. A candid discussion followed on the areas of convergence and divergence in their bilateral relations.

The ICWA delegation, inter alia comprised of Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, DG, ICWA (Leader of Delegation); Ambassador C. V. Ranganathan, former Indian Ambassador to China and Chairperson, ICWA’s Core Group on China; Prof. Madhu Bhalla, University of Delhi and Member, ICWA’s Core Group on China; Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, Chairperson, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Member, ICWA’s Core Group on China; Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director (Research), ICWA.

The SIIS delegation, inter alia comprised of Professor Chen Dong Xiao, President, SIIS; Prof. Zhao Gancheng, Director of the Center for Asian-Pacific Studies; Dr. Ye Qing, Assistant President & Director of the Center for West Asian & African Studies; Prof. Cai Penghong, Senior Research Fellow of the Center for Asian-Pacific Studies; Dr. Shao Yuqun, Executive Director of the Center for American Studies.

The DG, ICWA, extended an invitation to the President of SIIS to lead a delegation to India next year for the next round of annual institutional interaction.
