

**ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION SCIENCE
FOUNDATION (ECOSF)**

**REPORT ON ECOSF PARTICIPATION IN THE
10th BELT AND ROAD TEENAGER MAKER CAMP
AND TEACHER WORKSHOP**

Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China

18–23 September 2026

Participants from ECOSF

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1. Executive Summary

The 10th Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, from 18 to 23 September 2026. The event marked the tenth edition of the Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop and brought together young people, teachers, science-education professionals and partner organizations for international exchange, hands-on science and technology learning, cultural interaction and professional development.

Theme and focus. The official event theme was “AI Education for a Better Future,” with activities centered on AI and natural science. The programme combined maker activities, teacher learning, science-and-technology visits and cultural exchange.

2. Background

The Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp & Teacher Workshop has provided an international platform for youth science education, hands-on learning, teacher exchange and cross-cultural communication. Since 2017, the Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp & Teacher Workshop has been held annually by the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), the Ministry of Science and Technology of China, and provincial people's governments, with support from international organizations including ECOSF and the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC).



The 10th edition continued this approach in Nanning, Guangxi. According to the official event profile, the camp was jointly hosted by the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and co-organized by eight organizations, with support from international organizations including ECOSF and the Network of African Science Academies (NASAC).

3. Objectives of the Programme

- Strengthen cross-cultural exchange and international understanding among young people and educators.
- Promote interest in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and innovation through hands-on learning.
- Provide opportunities for students to cooperate with international peers and learn from experienced teachers and scientists.
- Facilitate exchange of science-education practices and professional learning among teachers.
- Expose participants to emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, natural sciences and related applications.
- Promote people-to-people connectivity through scientific, educational and cultural activities.

4. ECOSF and ECO Countries' Participation

More than 200 participants from 24 countries and autonomous regions attended the event.

The ECOSF delegation comprised Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, President ECOSF, and Mr. Ghulam Abbas Rahar, Manager (Administration), ECOSF.

There were 46 participants from seven ECO Countries which were facilitated/invited by ECOSF being the supporter/sponsor of the event. Following are the statistics:

Country	Teachers/ Officials	Students	Total
Azerbaijan	2	3	5
Iran	2	5	7
Kazakhstan	2	5	7
Kyrgyzstan	1	5	6
Pakistan	2	5	7
Tajikistan	2	5	7
Türkiye	2	5	7
ECOSF	2	0	2
Total	15	32	48



5. Programme and Activities

The following account incorporates the official agenda supplied for the BRISEC members/distinguished guests, together with the information contained in the preliminary ECOSF report. Where the agenda specifies a visit or meeting without describing substantive proceedings, the report records the activity without adding unsupported details.

6. Participation of ECOSF Delegation

6.1. Arrival and Orientation – 18 September 2026

The ECOSF delegation arrived in Nanning on 18 September 2026 and checked in at Wo Sheng Hotel. The programme included an evening icebreaking activity, providing an initial opportunity for interaction among participants from different countries and institutions.

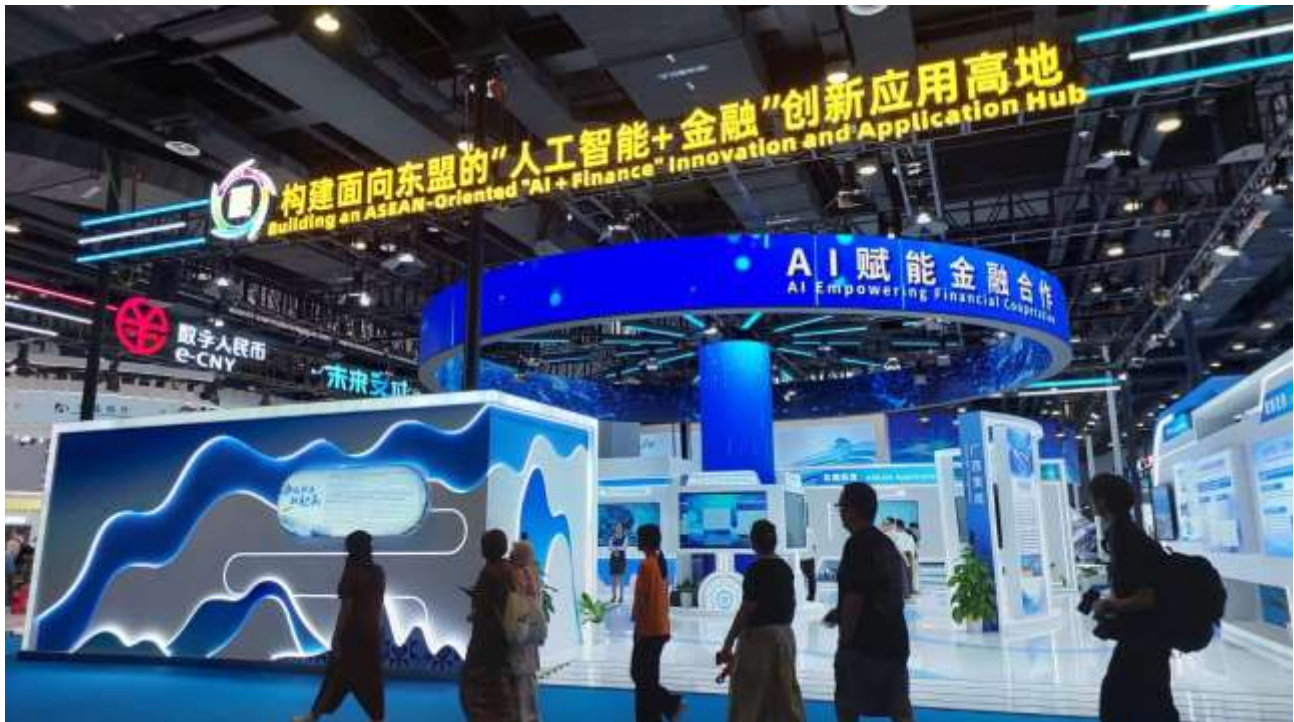
6.2. China-ASEAN Expo and Opening Ceremony – 19 September 2026

On 19 September, the BRISEC members including ECOSF delegation visited the 23rd China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO) at the Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Center. The agenda identified the visit as a science-and-technology visit and noted displays covering a broad range of technology and commercial products, including robotics, engineering materials, automobiles and home appliances, alongside cultural products.



CAEXPO is an international economic and trade forum of China and the ten ASEAN member states. Organized by Guangxi, it was held successfully for 22 sessions. The expo facilitated and witnessed the continuous enrichment of the rapid enhancement of economic and trade cooperation,

and the increasingly close people-to-people exchanges, playing a significant role in supporting the Belt and Road Initiative.



6.3. Meeting with the Vice-President of China Association of Science and Technology (CAST)

An official meeting with the Vice-President of China Association of Science and Technology (CAST), Mr. Feng Shenhong was held at the Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Center on Saturday 19 September 2026. The meeting was attended by President ECOSF Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, Prof. Manzoor Hussain Soomro, Vice President of BRISEC, and other high-level dignitaries. During the meeting, Mr. Feng welcomed warmly the participants and briefed CAST's international relations with more than 100 international institutions around the world. He highlighted several aspects of cooperation including exchange program of young scientists, capacity building of talents and youth, sharing experiences in engineering and promoting and popularizing for science, technology and innovation across China, ASEAN, and other international partners.

On behalf of the attendees, Prof. Soomro appreciated CAST, Children and Youth Science Center (CYSC) of CAST, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Association for Science and Technology, and other organizers for hosting the 10th Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop. He emphasized that the young participants could experience an impactful life of science during the event.

6.4. Opening Event: 2026 China-ASEAN Series of Activities on Science, Technology and People-to-People Exchanges and the 10th Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp & Teacher Workshop

The BRISEC members including ECOSF delegates attended the opening ceremony of 2026 China-ASEAN Series of Activities on Science, Technology and People-to-People Exchanges and the 10th Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop on Saturday 19 September 2026. The Chief Guest of the

Ceremony was Mr. Feng Shenhong, Vice President of CAST. High Officials from CAST, Guangxi Science and Technology Museum, Local Government of Guangxi, ASEAN Countries and other national and international organizations and all the students, teachers and officials from participating countries attended the Ceremony. The opening of the tenth edition formally commenced with the programme and provided an



opportunity for ECOSF and other participating organizations to engage with the organizers and international delegations.

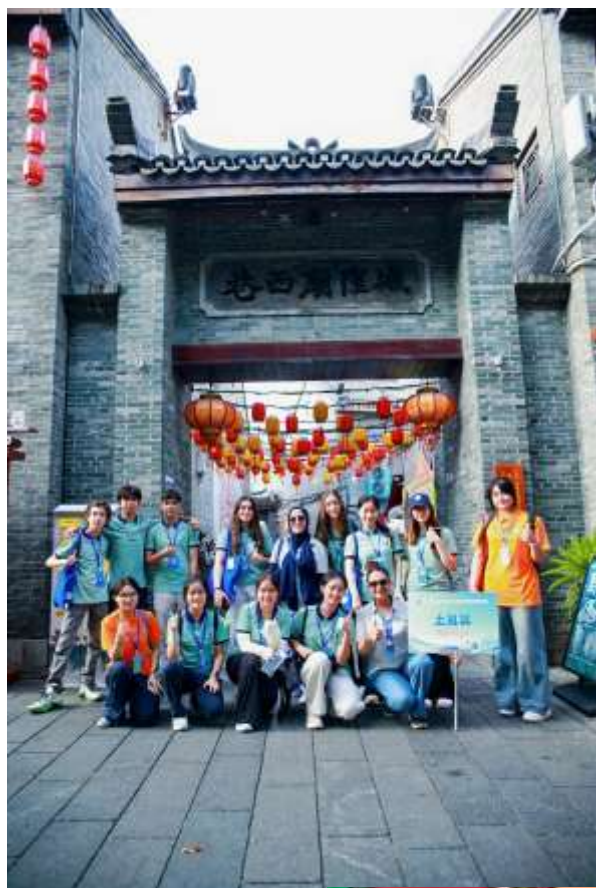
The ceremony was performed by five chapters: 1) greetings to guests in Guangxi, 2) fine trees growing in the South (in the memory of Huang Danian, an internationally renowned geophysicist from Guangxi), 3) people-to-people exchange for consensus (launch of an initiative on China-ASEAN science, technology and people-to-people exchanges), 4) meeting at the perfect time (addresses given by officials, roll-call of team representatives of participating countries, and launching ceremony), and 5) innovation for the future (relevant speech presentations).



6.5 Science and Cultural Visits – 20 September 2026

The programme on 20 September combined science popularization, environmental and agricultural knowledge, museum-based learning and cultural heritage. Participants visited the ASEAN Subtropical Botanical Garden (Science Popularization Park), including the Guangxi Subtropical Crops Research Institute. The programme then continued with a visit to the Guangxi Science and Technology Museum.





The day's activities concluded with a cultural visit to Sanjie Liu Liangjiang, comprising three streets and two alleys in a historical and cultural block. The combination of scientific and cultural activities reflected the camp's emphasis on both knowledge exchange and people-to-people interaction.

President ECOSF, Prof. Tayebi, ECOSF Manager, Mr. Ghulam Abbas Rahar, and the ECO teams of students and teachers participated actively in these visits.

The Guangxi Science and Technology Museum is the largest and most important science popularization education venue and public welfare cultural science popularization facility in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region. It is also an important platform for China and ASEAN countries to carry out science and technology cultural exchanges and activities. With a goal of improving the public's scientific and cultural literacy, it aims to

be the leader of Guangxi science popularization education and a window to showcase the culture of Guangxi.

With the theme of "exploration, technology, and innovation," the Guangxi Science and Technology Museum boasts permanent science popularization exhibitions, temporary exhibitions, a youth science studio, high-tech cinemas, and academic exchanges.





During the visit of the Guangxi Science and Technology Museum, President ECOSF, Prof. Tayebi, was invited to an interview with the CCTV. Explaining the history of the Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp, Prof. Tayebi highlighted that the camp serves as a vital platform for science, technology, innovation (STI), and people-to-people exchange. He added that the camp remains the only program under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) dedicated exclusively to youth scientific empowerment. He said the annual camp is the opportunity for youth to practice hands-on scientific activities, cultural exchanges, and networking.



6.6 Anthropology Museum and Artificial Intelligence – 21 September 2026

On 21 September, the ECOSF delegation accompanied by the other BRISEC members visited the Anthropology Museum of Guangxi, followed by a visit to the Guangxi Academy of Artificial Intelligence. These activities complemented the camp's stated focus on AI and natural science and provided participants with exposure to cultural heritage as well as emerging technology.





Located on the bank of Yongjiang River in Nanning, the Anthropology Museum of Guangxi is a thematic museum dedicated to ethnic culture. It is currently recognized as a National First-Class Museum, a National Civilized Unit, a National Education Base for Ethnic Unity and Progress, a National Patriotic Education Demonstration Base, a National Research and Practice Education Base for Primary and Secondary School Students, and a National Popular Science Education Base. The museum houses a collection of over 50,000 items, including eight major categories: bronze drums, textiles, gold and silver ware, stone artifacts, bamboo and wood artifacts, ceramics, fossil specimens, and paper-based cultural relics.

The official programme also included an optional evening event entitled 'The Night for Sino-Foreign Cultural Exchanges', intended to provide an additional platform for international cultural interaction. The BRISEC members attended the event to experience cultural exchanges from different countries.



6.7. Science-Technology visits: China-ASEAN Artificial Intelligence Collaborative Innovation Center (Nanning AI Center) and Satellite Remote Sensing Application Center

The programme on 22 September placed particular emphasis on emerging technologies. Participants including ECOSF delegates accompanied by other BRISEC members visited the China-ASEAN Artificial Intelligence Collaborative Innovation Center and the China-ASEAN Satellite Remote Sensing Application Center. These visits were directly relevant to the camp's AI-oriented theme and provided exposure to applications of artificial intelligence and satellite remote sensing in the regional context.



The China-ASEAN Artificial Intelligence Collaborative Innovation Center (also referred to as the AI Application Cooperation Center) is a multilateral initiative designed to bridge the artificial intelligence industries of China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



The China-ASEAN Satellite Remote Sensing Application Center (ACSAC) is a multilateral space cooperation initiative established to share satellite data, earth observation technologies, and remote sensing

applications between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).



6.8. ECOSF attends 2026 BRISEC Annual Exchange

ECOSF delegation, headed by Prof. Tayebi, attended the 2026 BRISEC Annual Exchange at Woxuan Hall, Wo Sheng Hotel, on September 22, 2026, from 14:30 to 18:00, and briefed its relevant activities, programs, and future plans to the meeting (more details in a separate file). BRISEC has always upheld its mission of advancing international science and education cooperation and promoting people-to-people bonds, and has continued to encourage science and education institutions, young people, and science and technology teachers in its member countries to learn from one another and make progress together.

6.9. ECOSF meets with ECO Student-Teacher Teams

During the camp, ECOSF delegation including President ECOSF, Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, and ECOSF Manager (Administration) met with the ECO delegates (students and teachers) from the 7 member countries (Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, and Türkiye). In these meetings, ECO participants raised their reflections, experiences, and challenges of participating in the camp. Participants reflected positively on the "Dream of Future Science, Dedication to Better



World" theme, acknowledging the need for shared technological solutions to regional challenges.

7. Departure – 23 September 2026

The programme concluded on 23 September with airport/railway station drop-off and return travel arrangements for participating delegations.

8. Key Outcomes and Observations

- The tenth edition provided continuity to an established international platform for youth science, technology and innovation education.
- Participation of seven ECO Member States strengthened the visibility of the ECO region within the Belt and Road science-education exchange.
- The programme broadened participants' exposure beyond classroom-based learning through visits to technology, AI, remote-sensing, science-museums, botanical and cultural institutions.
- The AI-focused programme was particularly relevant to the evolving needs of science and technology education and future skills.
- The combination of teacher-oriented exchange, student activities and cultural programmes supported peer learning and cross-cultural understanding.
- The BRISEC Annual Exchange provided a dedicated platform for institutional dialogue and continuation of cooperation among participating organizations.

The 2026 programme retained the same broad pillars—youth innovation, teacher learning, science and technology exchange and cultural interaction—while placing greater visible emphasis on artificial intelligence and related applications. This continuity provides ECOSF with an established channel for facilitating participation of ECO Member States and strengthening cooperation with Chinese and international science-education partners.

9. Recommendations and Way Forward

1. Continue ECOSF's facilitation of participation by ECO Member States in future Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camps and Teacher Workshops.
2. Strengthen follow-up mechanisms so that participating teachers can adapt and replicate suitable maker, AI and STEM learning practices in ECO Member States.
3. Explore opportunities for joint ECOSF-BRISEC activities focusing on AI literacy, maker education, inquiry-based science education and teacher capacity building.
4. Develop post-event knowledge-sharing activities, such as online sessions or webinars, to disseminate lessons and experiences gained from the Nanning programme.
5. Encourage stronger institutional linkages among ECOSF, CAST/CYSC, BRISEC members and relevant science-education institutions in ECO Member States.
6. Maintain systematic documentation of participant numbers, countries, activities and outcomes in future editions to support institutional reporting and impact assessment.

10. Conclusion

The participation of ECOSF in the 10th Belt and Road Teenager Maker Camp and Teacher Workshop in Nanning provided an important opportunity to advance science-education cooperation between the ECO region, China and other participating countries. The programme combined youth-oriented innovation, teacher and institutional exchange, exposure to emerging technologies, science visits and cultural interaction.

The participation of seven ECO Member States and the involvement of ECOSF leadership reinforced the Foundation's role as a regional platform for cooperation in science, technology and innovation education. Continued engagement with BRISEC, CAST, CYSC, and other partners can help translate international exchange experiences into sustained capacity building and youth science-education opportunities within the ECO region

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