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| President's Message



The year 2018 is a very unique one: it marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War; the 10th anniversary of the outbreak of the 2008 international financial crisis and the world economic crisis, and the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening up.

Standing at this special historical point in time, we recall the past in the light of present, probe into the profound truth, and feel the great changes of the world that is unseen in a hundred years: the international landscape is undergoing the most profound changes since the Cold War; international relations are beginning to witness the fiercest collision between greater integration and greater divergence since the Cold War; the salient risks of instability and uncertainty will be the most prominent features of the foreseeable future.

Among all these changes, three trends require our high attention. First, strategic instability between the great powers is growing. Second, global governance based on multilateralism is suffering from a crisis of "dysfunction and loss of power". Third, the wave of nationalism and nativism in political identity is coming.

In the face of these trends, we cannot help but ask: will the world today inevitably move towards great differentiation? How to effectively manage the tension between the converging and diverging forces in the evolution of the international order? Can the various stakeholders of the international community work together to curb the escalation of such tension? There are no easy and readily available answers to these questions but what is certain is that the international community urgently needs to work together to ease the pressure of differentiation by building new international consensus and expanding common interests.

First, the international community needs to work together to prevent the spectre of the cold war from rising from the ashes of history. Second, the international

community should increase cooperation to curb the erosion of multilateralism by unilateralism and, at the same time, more actively promote the reform of the international mechanism of multilateralism and constantly improve global governance. Finally, the international community needs innovative thinking to promote the construction of a new collective consciousness and cognitive consensus.

From the perspective of macro history, the development of globalization and the evolution of international order will be closely related to the new round of modernization process in the non-Western world and the post-modern rebalancing process in the Western world. Emerging economies, including China and India, play a key role in the former, while the United States and Europe play a key role in the latter.

In the case of the former, since the end of the Cold War, the non-Western world has undergone a large-scale modernization process. Today, more and more developing countries are starting to gather strength from the initial stage of modernization and embark on a new journey toward medium and advanced modernization. This process is unprecedented in human history. In contrast, the Western world, as a whole, has transformed from modernization to postmodernism and has been swept by a new wave of economic globalization and scientific and technological progress after the Cold War. The economic, political and social structures of the Western countries are also facing increasing pressure from the transformation of internal development and governance, entering what I call a "post-modern rebalancing period". In terms of the relationship between Western world and non-Western world, the Western world should recognize the historical significance of the world modernization process, especially the rise of the non-Western world while improving its internal governance and expanding the tolerance of the existing international system so as to promote the world modernization, peace and prosperity process.

When the new round of modernization of the non-Western world meets the post-modern transformation of the Western world, whether the two interact in an inclusive, stable and cooperative way, or in an exclusive, confrontational and chaotic way, will have a profound impact on the future direction of world politics. In other words, whether the world will move towards greater integration or differentiation in the future will largely depend on whether the postmodern transformation of developed countries and the modernization development of developing countries can achieve success and how they interact with each other.

Therefore, more than ever, the international community needs to forge new consensus, work together in a world of shared future, and explore and blaze a path of peace and prosperity for common development. For researchers of international relations, this is not only a challenge, but also a mission.

Chen Dongxiao
President of SIIS



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In 2018, SIIS continued to be active in advising the governments on foreign policy decision making, contributing to theoretical development, exploring issues in the new era, advocating Chinese concepts in the world and serving Shanghai's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative. With the unremitting efforts of all the staffs and research fellows, SIIS has achieved fruitful results.

In 2018, SIIS took the first China International Import Expo (CIIE) and the construction of "Belt and Road" bridgehead as its main task, and gave full play to the function of think tanks in serving the overall diplomacy of China and the local foreign affairs of Shanghai.

I Undertaking the Task of National Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs

On January 26, supported by the Chinese Ministry of Finance, the seminar on World Bank Group Engagement in Upper-Middle-Income Countries: Evidence from IEG Evaluations was jointly hosted by SIIS and WBG-IEG. 20 experts including scholars from universities and think-tanks of China, the US, ROK, Germany and representatives from WBG and NDB had a discussion on avoiding the middle-income trap and the role of MDBs, IEG's perspectives on WBG engagement in China, and rationale and threshold of the graduation policy for UMIGs etc.



(On January 26, SIIS held the seminar on World Bank Group Engagement in Upper-Middle-Income Countries: Evidence from IEG Evaluations. SIIS President Chen Dongxiao, Mr. Liu Weihua, deputy director-general, department of International Economic & Financial Cooperation of the Ministry of Finance, China, and Ms. Caroline Heider, director general and senior Vice President Evaluation, World Bank Group gave their opening remark for the seminar.)

On May 13-14, under the instruction of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SIIS held the International Conference on the Prospect of a Political Settlement of the Syrian Issue. It is an international academic conference on the Syrian issue held in China for the first time. Representative of Special Envoy for Syria of the UN Secretary-General, Special Envoy for Syria of the Government of the United Kingdom (UK), Special Envoy for Syria of the French Government, and experts as well as scholars from ten-odd countries including China, the United States, Syria, Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and the UK attended the conference. They conducted in-depth discussions on three topics, namely the way out for the settlement of the Syrian issue, the major factors influencing the settlement of the Syrian issue and the role of the international community in the Syrian issue.

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In 2018, SIIS worked with the central government and the Shanghai Municipal Government to actively serve the CIIE. First, SIIS directly participated in the preparation of the CIIE by sending one researcher to take a temporary post in CIIE Bureau and two researchers to the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office to help the arrangements of CIIE. Second, SIIS started the research on CIIE and held four seminars on the theme. SIIS also organized lecture tours to bring CIIE-related knowledge to and share information with the public. Third, SIIS took an active part in CIIE supporting activities through in-depth cooperation with the media. On November 6, SIIS, China Europe International Business School and Institute of China at the Fudan University co-hosted the conference on Rebalancing of the World Economy: China's Role and Influence. The conference invited former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and several other honored guest to have in-depth discussions on the frontier issues of global economic governance.

II Building a high-level Platform for International Academic Cooperation

In 2018, in light of China's major diplomatic missions and international hot-spot issues, SIIS held 25 international conferences and 27 domestic conferences and made strides in terms of social impact and policy influence.

In 2018, SIIS received 307 delegations from various countries, including Mr. Eusebio Gironda Cabrera, former advisor to the President of Bolivia,

Mr. Ali Sheikh Haidar, President of the National Syrian Social Party, Mr. Nikolaos Kotzias, Foreign Minister of Greece, Mr. Dominique de Villepin, former Prime Minister of France, Mr. Seyed Ali Naghi Kharrazi, former Foreign Minister of Iran, Mr. Rashid Alimov, Shanghai Cooperation Organization Secretary-General and Mr. Vladimir Norov, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Secretary General designate.

In 2018, 98 groups of SIIS research fellows went abroad to attend international conferences, conduct joint research projects and have academic exchanges. Through these activities, SIIS research fellows established closer working relations with our foreign counterparts and let the world hear voices of China. For instance, on March 8-10, Prof. Yang Jiemian, Chairman of SIIS Council of Academic Affairs visited Singapore, where he had had in-depth exchanges with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan and Permanent Secretary Chee Wee Kiong on China-Singapore relations, international and regional affairs and China-Singapore cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative.



(Prof. Yang Jiemian, Chairman of SIIS Council of Academic Affairs visited Singapore and met with Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.)

III Actively Serving the National Strategy Entrusted to the Shanghai Municipal Government

In 2018, with the strong support of the Shanghai Municipal Government, SIIS was more actively involved in various foreign affairs activities in Shanghai. SIIS President Chen Dongxiao joined the delegation headed by Mr. Dong Yunhu, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and visited Egypt and UAE. SIIS Vice President Yang Jian attended the group of delegation headed by Shanghai Vice Mayor Chen Qun on a visit to Austria.



(On May 31, SIIS delegation was invited to participate in the Celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Friendship Relationship between Shanghai and Bratislava states. Mr. Chen Qun, Vice Mayor of Shanghai, Lin Lin, Chinese ambassador to Slovakia, and officials of the Bratislava state government attended the event.)

In 2018, SIIS, the Shanghai's People's Congress, the Shanghai CPPCC, the Shanghai Foreign Affairs Office, the Shanghai Society of Social Sciences, the World Urban Day Center, and other institutions continued to hold meetings and compile cases of Shanghai people-to-people diplomacy in an effort to promote the research on sustainable development of cities, the cultivation and management of social organizations, urban diplomacy, etc. SIIS continued to serve Shanghai World Cities Day by undertaking the task of drafting the new version of the Shanghai Manual and the construction of urban exchange case base. SIIS also provided advices for decision-makers on the opportunities and challenges faced by NGOs after the adoption of the *Law on the Administration of Activities of Overseas NGOs in China*, as well as on the prospects for the implementation of the Law in the Shanghai area.

In 2018, SIIS has also strengthened the construction of the Belt and Road think-tanks project and contributed to the construction of the Belt and Road bridgehead in Shanghai. SIIS signed an MoU with the newly established Belt and Road Financial Research Institute (Shanghai) at the Export-Import Bank of China. In the future, the two sides will take Shanghai's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative as their main task and focus on strengthening research on policy-based financial theory and practice. In addition, SIIS has focused on the signing and renewal of seven MoUs with the relevant think-tanks in the Belt and Road countries, and has established a closer cooperation network in joint research, academic exchanges and personnel exchanges. In 2018, SIIS also received visiting scholars from Iceland, Latvia, Peru and Ecuador to further expand cooperation with the Ice Silk Road and the Latin American extension of the Silk Road.

IV Building and Consolidating Academic Platform

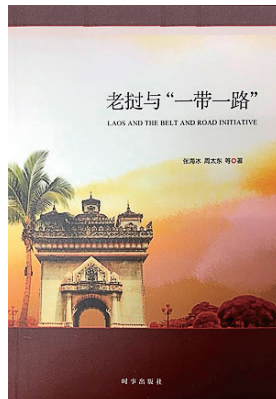
In 2018, SIIS has made new breakthrough in the building and consolidation of academic platform. Two high level academic platforms have been established. On December 5, the State Internet Information Office set up the National Informatization Expert Advisory Committee and International Internet Governance Research Center in SIIS, which elevate our research on Internet

governance to a new level. On December 25, the Foreign Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government and the Shanghai Municipal People's Friendship Association jointly established the Shanghai People-to-People Diplomacy Research Base in SIIS, which further enhanced our function of serving Shanghai's people-to-people diplomacy.

In 2018, the influence of Chinese and English academic journals published by SIIS continued to expand. The Chinese journal *Guo Ji Zhan Wang's* ranking in CNKI Evaluation Index kept on rising. The Composite Impact Factor rose to 2.441, ranking sixth in 49 journals in the same field. The Comprehensive Impact Factor reached 1.216 with the rank of ninth and the Impact Indicator rises to 340.337, the highest in history. The English journal *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies* (CQISS) received much attention from international academic circles at the Frankfurt International Book Fair. Following its inclusion in the ESCI retrieval system in 2016, CQISS was included into the internationally renowned SCOPUS retrieval system in early 2018.

In 2018, our research results are fruitful. From November 2017 to October 2018, SIIS has undertaken a total of 67 Task Forces, among which, seven Task Forces are funded by the National Social Science Fund, two are funded by Shanghai Social Science Planning Fund.

On August 10, 2018, the Shanghai Society of Social Sciences issued a public announcement on the list of the 14th Shanghai Outstanding Achievement Award in Philosophy and Social Sciences. Six research fellows in SIIS won the award.



(SIIS Publications)

Outlook for 2019

We are facing great shifts of the world that is unseen in a century, and there is still great uncertainty about the international affairs in 2019. As a think tank, we must continue to observe calmly, gain insight into changes in the international situation, serve national foreign policy decisions, and contribute to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind. SIIS will strive to enhance the capacity of being a source for the decision-makers and expand our public influence.

In 2019, SIIS will strengthen the overall planning of our research and have more foreign exchanges so as to contribute to China's overall diplomacy and Shanghai's municipal foreign affairs.

In serving the overall diplomacy of China: First, it is necessary to provide forward-looking and in-depth research report and hold influential academic activities for the two "host-diplomacy" events in 2019, namely the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and the 2nd China International Import Expo. Second, SIIS will strengthen the research on China's major country relations such as China-US relations, China-Europe relations, and China-Russian. Third, SIIS will also put emphasis on the study and academic exchanges in China's neighbouring

stability such as Indo-Pacific, Central and South Asia, Northeast Asia and West Asia. Fourth, SIIS will continue to pay close attention to research and academic exchanges in cross-straits relations and diplomacy concerning Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao, trends in global governance and reform of multilateral mechanisms, strategic new frontier, urban diplomacy, political thought and movement.

In serving the Shanghai's municipal foreign affairs: SIIS will speed up the adjustment of its research platform and combine the theoretical, strategic, and policy research so as to better serve Shanghai's construction of "five centers" and "four brands" in 2019 and help the accomplishment of the "three new and major tasks" entrusted to Shanghai by President Xi Jinping.

In 2019, SIIS will keep on improving its internal mechanism, draw lessons from the international advanced experience and try to be a world first-class think-tank. First, SIIS will further optimize the efficiency of our foreign affairs, scientific research and logistics management and build a "Beautiful SIIS" in order to create a better office environment for the researchers and guests. Second, SIIS will continue to carry out in-depth cooperation with the mass media and make full use of WeChat and other self-media platform. Third, SIIS will further enhance cooperation and exchanges with other institutions both at home and abroad in the spirit of sharing and win-win cooperation.

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| CIIE

On November 5, the first China International Import Expo (CIIE) was held in Shanghai. As the culmination of the four major host-diplomacy events in 2018, the CIIE was of great significance. As sideline event of CIIE, SIIS held the international conference on "Rebalancing of the World Economy: China's Role and Influence" at the National Exhibition and Convention Center. Mr. Sha Hailin, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Shanghai Municipal People's Congress, and Chen Dongxiao, President of the Shanghai Institute of International Studies delivered opening speeches. Keynote addresses were delivered by H.E. Mr. Liam Fox, British Secretary of State for International Trade, H.E. Mr. Jean-Pierre Raffarin, former Prime Minister of France, and Prof. Yang Jiemian, Chairman of the Council of SIIS Academic Affairs.





| Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Reform and Opening-up

Forty years ago, under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, the Chinese people began the second revolution in China's modernization drive. Also 40 years ago, under the leadership and support of the Shanghai Municipal Party Committee, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies officially resumed.

In the second half of 2018, in order to commemorate the 40th anniversary of reform and opening up, SIIS carried out a series of important activities in conjunction with the study of Xi Jinping's diplomatic thinking, China's foreign relations, China's overall security concept, comparative political parties and politics.

On July 2, in memory of Mr. Li Chuwen, former President of SIIS and renowned diplomat and social activist, SIIS held a seminar on "Li Chuwen and the 40th anniversary of Reform and Opening up".

On July 10, SIIS, together with the Shanghai Society for International Relations and the Shanghai Society for International Strategic Studies hosted a seminar on "the 40th Anniversary of Reform and Opening up and Foreign Relations". The participants of the seminar had in-depth, forward-looking and comprehensive discussions on China's future development and foreign relations in the new era.

On October 30, SIIS held a seminar on "Political Parties and Political Research Since the Reform and opening up: International Experience and China Exploration", focusing on how to further promote the study of political parties and politics and build a new type of international political party relations.

On December 17, SIIS held an event to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Reform and Opening up. SIIS President Chen Dongxiao delivered a speech.



International Conference on the Prospect of a Political Settlement of the Syrian Issue

2018 is the eighth year of the Syrian crisis. The Syrian issue has become one of the most complex and intractable issues in the Middle East and its negative effects has gone beyond Syria's internal conflict and has entangled with the inherent ethnic and sectarian contradictions in the whole region. On the Syrian issue, China's efforts to promote a political solution to the Syrian crisis have never stopped. While facilitating peace, promoting talks and providing assistance, China has always been open-minded and contributed Chinese wisdom to the settlement of the Syrian issue. In this process, Chinese think tanks cannot be absent.

On May 13-14, under the instruction of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SIIS held the International Conference on the Prospect of a Political Settlement of the Syrian Issue. It is an international academic conference on the Syrian issue held in China for the first time. Representative of Special Envoy for Syria of the UN Secretary-General, Special Envoy for Syria of the Government of the United Kingdom (UK), Special Envoy for Syria of the French Government, and experts as well as scholar from ten-odd countries including China, the United States, Syria, Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and the UK attended the conference. They conducted in-depth discussions on three topics, namely the way out for the settlement of the Syrian issue, the major factors influencing the settlement of the Syrian issue and the role of the international community in the Syrian issue.



The Belt and Road Think-tanks Project

In 2017, SIIS initiated six Belt and Road Think-tanks Projects, which serve both as research projects and academic platforms and try to combine the issue-oriented research and area study together. The six projects are China-Central and Eastern European States think-tanks project on “16+1” cooperation, China-Russian and Central Asian think-tanks project on strategic linking, China-Northeast Asian and Nordic think-tanks project on Ice Silk Road, China-African think-tanks project on sustainable development, China-Southeast Asian think-tanks project on interconnectivity, China-US and China Germany think-tanks project on global economic governance. In 2018, the six projects have all been launched.

On June 14, The Belt and Road Financial Research Institute (Shanghai) at the Export-Import Bank of China was established. On the same day, SIIS signed an MoU with the newly established Institute with the aim to strengthen research on the international political, economic and financial fields under the Belt and Road Initiative and actively help Shanghai become a bridgehead of Belt and Road. SIIS President Chen Dongxiao and Mr. Xu Bo, Director of the Belt and Road Financial Research Institute signed MoU on behalf of the two institutions. Mr. Ying Yong, Mayor of Shanghai and Ms. Hu Xiaolian, Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of China witnessed the signing ceremony.



| Global Governance of New Frontier

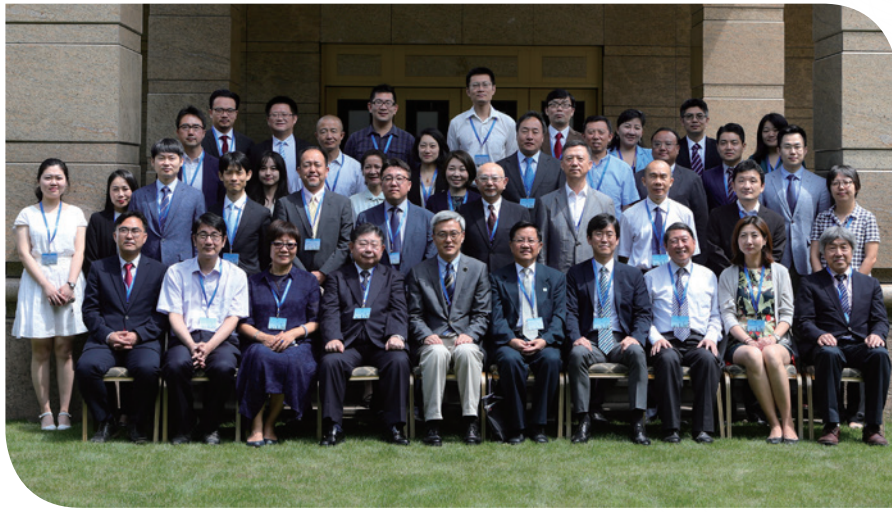
With the rapid development of science and technology, the living space and activity of human beings have expanded greatly, from the traditional land territory and offshore to the deep sea, outer space, polar region, internet and other broader tangible or intangible space and fields. In recent years, SIIS is committed to the study of the governance of the so-called “new frontiers”, focusing specifically on polar governance and Internet governance, and has made great achievements.

On January 26, the Chinese Government published the *White Paper on China's Arctic Policy*. With the publication of the White Paper, the Chinese Government has made clear to the world its position, policies and responsibilities to actively participate in Arctic governance and jointly address global challenges. SIIS research team on the Arctic governance participated in the drafting of the white paper.

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In the field of research on the Internet governance, SIIS has also made new progress in 2018. On December 5, the State Internet Information Office set up the “National Informatization Expert Advisory Committee and International Internet Governance Research Center” in SIIS, which elevated our research on internet governance to a new level.

In 2018, SIIS also started the research on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its implication on international relations. A number of studies of SIIS research fellows have been published. On December 17-18, SIIS and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) co-organized the International Symposium on "Artificial Intelligence--Reshaping National Security" in Shanghai.



| G20 and T20

China is a staunch supporter of global governance and multilateralism in the G20. However, the world economy is facing profound readjustments. What kind of multilateralism and global governance should we have? The international community is still lack of consensus on this question. It is necessary for all countries to act on the basis of mutual trust and have more frank communication so as to reach a common vision and translate the vision into reality in a pragmatic way. In view of this, in recent years, SIIS has been paying close attention to G20 and actively participating in the Think-tank 20 (T20), thus contributing to China's more active role in the G20 and the development of the G20 itself.



On September 17, SIIS President Chen Dongxiao led a delegation to attend the T20 conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Argentine President Mauricio Macri delivered an opening speech and took a photo with the speakers. As one of the leading institute of T20 in China, Dr. Chen Dongxiao delivered a keynote speech on behalf of SIIS. On September 18, President Chen Dongxiao delivered a keynote address in the T20 parallel session "Vision the Future" (V20) and interacted with participating scholars. On the same day, the delegation held discussions with Mr. Jorge Taiana, former Argentine Foreign Minister and Mr. Pablo A. Tettamanti, G20 Ambassador Argentina on Argentina's economic situation and the world economy, Sino-US relations, US-Latin American relations, and Sino-Argentine relations.



Taiwan Issue and Cross-strait Relations

The study of the Taiwan issue and cross-strait relations has always been one of the research focus of SIIS. In 2018, the practice and theory of cross-strait political and economic interaction under the international background is the research priority. To this end, SIIS has held seminars on the Taiwan questions in China-Japan relations, China-EU relations and the China and countries of Pacific-Indian Ocean region relations.

On July 30, SIIS hosted the Second Seminar on Relationship between China and Indo-Pacific Countries & the Taiwan Question. Over 30 scholars from Philippines, India, Myanmar, Laos, Brunei, Vietnam, Indonesia, New Zealand and China discussed on topics such as the Belt and Road Initiative and the relationship between China and Pacific-Indo countries, current status of cross-strait relations and future development, challenges from Taiwan internal politics and DPP's external policy. Representatives from Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council and Taiwan Affairs Office of Shanghai Municipal Government participated in the seminar.

On August 2, the 9th seminar on "Taiwan question in Sino-Japanese Relations" was co-sponsored by SIIS and the research group on cross-strait relations of the University of Tokyo. Nearly 30 Chinese and Japanese scholars attended the seminar and had in-depth discussions on the changing Asia-Pacific and Sino-Japanese relations, the ruling of the DPP and the new changes in Taiwan politics, the new changes in the external policy and external relations of the Tsai Ing-wen authorities, the mainland's policy toward Taiwan, and the new changes in cross-strait relations.

On November 22-23, SIIS, SWP and FES jointly held the 15th seminar on "the Taiwan question in China-EU Relations" in Berlin, Germany. More than 20 scholars from Germany, France, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Finland and other countries, as well as scholars from the Shanghai Taiwan Affairs Office, the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences attended the seminar.

On December 20, the "2018 Taipei Shanghai City Forum" was held in Taipei. Mr. Zhou Bo, Executive Vice Mayor of Shanghai, led a delegation to attend. SIIS Vice President Yan Anlin and President of Shanghai Society for Taiwan Studies joined the delegation.



| City Diplomacy and People-to-people Diplomacy

Combined with the urban development and local characteristics of Shanghai, SIIS attaches great importance to the study of city diplomacy and people-to-people diplomacy and has achieved preliminary results. In order to promote the people-to-people communication under the framework of Belt and Road Initiative, SIIS set up a dialogue and research network with a broad participation of the people from governments, think-tanks, and NGOs. The network, which has a strong base on the network of Shanghai Friendship Cities, will focus particularly on people-to-people diplomacy and participate actively in the China International Import Expo Sister Cities Exhibition.

On January 7, SIIS and the Shanghai people's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries co-organized the seminar on "Chinese People-to-people Diplomacy in New era". SIIS President Chen Dongxiao and Li Xikui, secretary-general of the Chinese people's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries delivered speeches.

On December 25, SIIS and the Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries held the Conference on "People-to-people Diplomacy in Building Outstanding Global Cities: Opportunities, Challenges, and Coordinated Development". At the conference, the Shanghai People-to-people Diplomacy Research Base was launched. SIIS President Chen Dongxiao and Jing Ying, deputy inspector of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government, jointly unveiled the research base.



Distinguished Guests

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On November 7, 2018, the “Roundtable of Global Review: How to Deal with an Era of Strategic Instability and Uncertainty” was successfully hosted by SIIS. Participants include H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, Member of Danish Parliament, Former Minister and Speaker, President of UN General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Jorge E. Taiana, Former Foreign Minister of Argentina, Prof. Sergey Glazyev, Counsellor of Presidential Executive Office of the Russian Federation, a full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Mr. Jusuf Wanandi, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees CSIS Foundation, Jakarta, Prof. Bates Gill, Professor of Asia-Pacific Security Studies of Macquarie University, Prof. Garth le Pere, Professor at the University of Pretoria.

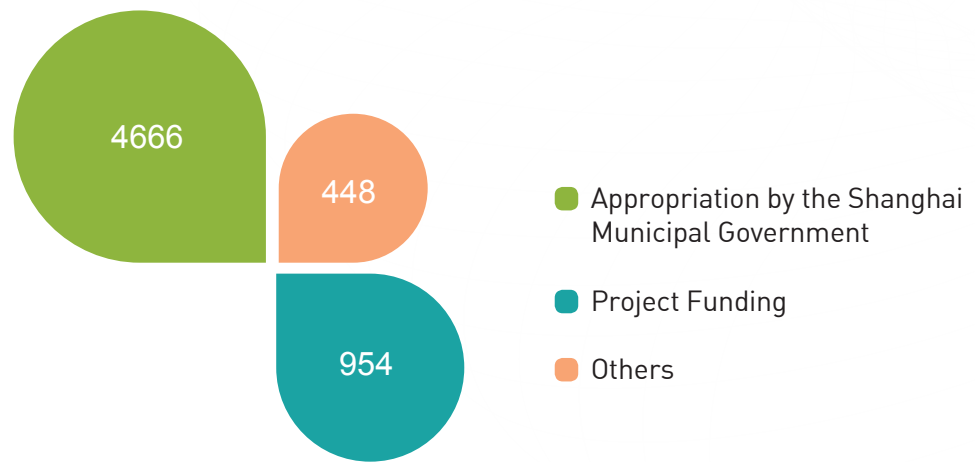


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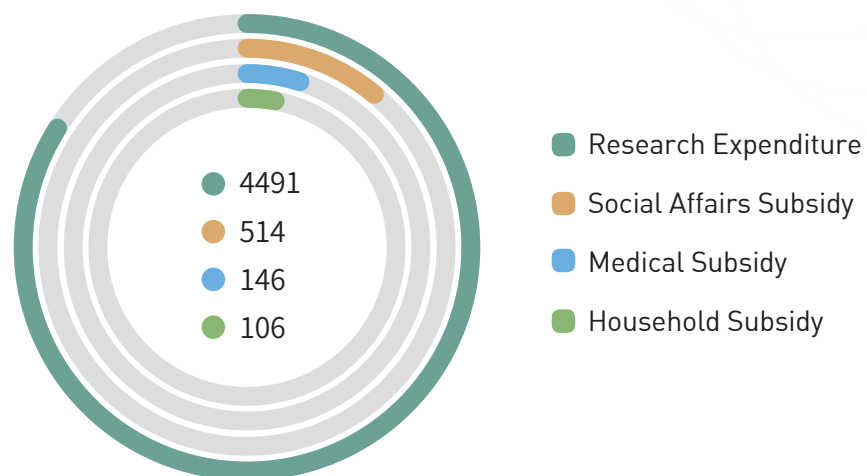
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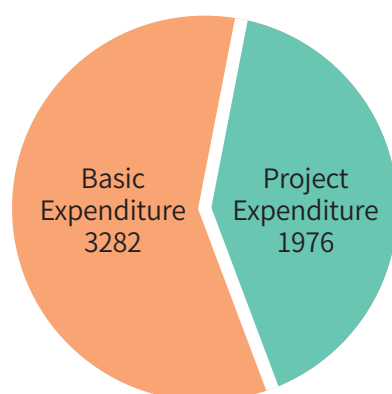
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Founded in 1960, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) is a government-affiliated high-caliber think tank dedicated to informing government decision-making by conducting policy-oriented studies in world politics, economics, foreign policy, and international security. SIIS maintains intensive and extensive exchanges and cooperation with research institutions at home and abroad, bolstering China's international influence and soft power.

SIIS boasts an authorized size of over 100 full-time research fellows and staff, including 60% senior fellows. In 1996, SIIS was ranked one of the top ten Chinese think tanks and one of the top ten global think tanks. SIIS comprises six institutes and six research centers, namely, the Institute for Global Governance Studies, the Institute for Foreign Policy Studies, the Institute for World Economic Studies, the Institute for International Strategic Studies, the Institute for Comparative Politics and Public Policy, the Institute for Taiwan, Hong Kong & Macao Studies, the Center for American Studies, the Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, the Center for Russian and Central Asian Studies, the Center for West Asia and Africa Studies, the Center for European Studies, and the Center for Maritime and Polar Studies. In addition, SIIS is an institutional member of the Shanghai International Strategic Studies Association and the Shanghai International Relations Association.

Global Review (bimonthly, Chinese) and the *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies* are the two flagship journals of SIIS and have become a prestigious academic platform for domestic and international scholarship.

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