

Chinese Government Friendship Award Ceremony was held in Beijing at September 29-30, 2018. 50 foreign experts from 21 countries received this honor at the eve of the 69th anniversary of the People's Republic of China in the Great Hall of the People at September 29th. Award was presented by Mr. Liu He, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. One of the recipients of the Award was Academician, Academy Professor Markku Kulmala from University of Helsinki. Prof. Kulmala is the Foreign Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and have been active in China since 2009. First Chinese university with whom Prof. Kulmala is collaborating in China is Nanjing University, who nominated Prof. Kulmala for this Friendship Award. University of Helsinki and Nanjing University started the collaboration at 2009 and since 2015 have a Joint international research Laboratory of Atmospheric and Earth SysTem Sciences (JirLATEST). The core of this activity is the Station for Observing Regional Processes of the Earth System (SORPES) that is the first Station for Measuring Earth Surface – Atmosphere Relations (SMEAR) in China. JirLATEST focus on land-atmosphere interaction processes and mechanism, the human activities and land-atmosphere system interactions, the development of global and regional earth system models, and prediction and evaluation of the climate and environment change in East Asia and high-latitude. This activity has provided crucial information on weather – air pollution interaction and haze formation processes. Scientific discoveries from Prof. Kulmala's collaboration with Academician, Prof. Congbin FU and Prof. Aijun DING were the backbone for Prof. Kulmala to receive the Friendship Award. Cornerstones of Prof. Kulmala's scientific approach are the knowledge transfer to cultivate the next generation young Chinese talent base, to support development of scientific research infrastructures and platforms, and to provide tools for innovations to grow to commercial products. Now this activity has spread to Beijing and Shanghai, together with other Eurasian countries. Recently Prof. Kulmala has established Haze and Aerosol Laboratory at Beijing University of Chemical Technology and published mechanism of new particle formation in Shanghai in journal Science in collaboration with Fudan University and other collaborators. Prof. Kulmala lead sister project of Digital Belt and Road (DBAR, lead by RADI, CAS) called Pan-Eurasian Experiment (PEEX).