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Policy Update

Xinhua think tank report emphasizes China's commitment to promoting world peace

BEIJING, Feb. 18 (Xinhua) -- As global security challenges increase and intensify, China has initiated a vision for common, comprehensive, cooperative and sustainable security, following a path of peaceful development while striving to promote peaceful coexistence and inclusive exchange of civilizations, said a Xinhua think tank report released on Tuesday.

China has always been a practitioner of peaceful development, as highlighted in the report titled "Promoting the Development and Progress of Human Civilization through Exchange and Mutual Learning" released by Xinhua Institute, a think tank affiliated with Xinhua News Agency.

China is the only major country that has enshrined peaceful development in its Constitution -- elevating it to a national commitment, according to the report. It noted that as a permanent member of the United Nations (UN) Security Council, China has faithfully fulfilled its responsibilities and missions, being the second largest financial contributor to both the UN and UN peacekeeping operations, while also providing more peacekeepers than any of the other permanent members of the Security Council.

China, in addition, firmly supports the core role of the UN in international affairs, while actively promoting security cooperation within frameworks such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and developing international security dialogue platforms -- including the Beijing Xiangshan Forum, the report stated.

The report also highlighted China's role in leading the reform of global security governance, noting that the country has offered Chinese wisdom to further improve global security governance by proposing the Global Security Initiative.

Concerning non-traditional security, China leads international security governance in emerging fields. Through efforts such as enacting the world's first legislation on generative AI, China has shared its extensive experience in AI governance with the world, making significant contributions to global AI governance, the report explained.

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Highlights

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News about CANGO



China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) Empowers Chinese NGOs' Global Engagement——

March 10–15, 2025 | Insights & Next Steps from the 58th UN Human Rights Council

On March 13, China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) organized a high-level side event, "NGOs: Advancing Women's Rights for an Equitable and Sustainable Future", at the UN Geneva headquarters. CANGO's Vice Chair and Secretary General Wang Xiangyi was invited to speak at the event. She outlined the CANGO's dual role as an "International Hub" and "Going Global Platform", emphasizing its initiatives to integrate gender equality with climate action. These include empowering women in climate resilience programs and advocating for gender-responsive policies.



On-Site at the 58th UN Human Rights Council Side Event

CANGO has forged partnerships with global stakeholders, including a visit to the Geneva Headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), to explore inclusive humanitarian aid and disaster response initiatives. Additionally, CANGO engaged in virtual dialogues with German and Spanish NGOs, exchanging grassroots strategies for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Representatives from CANGO, Chinese Civil Society Organizations, and the ICRC

On March 14, CANGO also co-hosted a salon and photo exhibition themed "NGOs: Let's Talk for an Equitable and Sustainable Future", which showcased community-led sustainability stories and fostered cross-border partnership



Participants at the Salon & Photo Exhibition

CANGO supported three grassroots NGO delegates from Shaanxi Province in attending the session, amplifying local voices in global forums. By linking domestic initiatives with international platforms, CANGO continues to strengthen Chinese civil society's impact on global human rights and sustainable development agendas.

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TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD: DRIVING SOCIAL IMPACT



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More information at
https://tinyurl.com/techforgoodimpact

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Open to Entries in the form of research papers, commentaries and short videos

RESEARCH THEMES

- Theme 1: Approaches for AI Inclusiveness and Internet Technology Equity
- Theme 2: Enterprise Pursuits of Technology for Good

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Proposal submission deadline 31 May 2025**
- Online interviews June 2025
- Notification of successful applications 15 July 2025
- Submission of final deliverables 31 October 2025
- Conference presentation November 2025

INCENTIVES

PRIZES

- Entries selected by the judging committee stand to win cash prizes of **up to S$30,000**.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- Shortlisted applicants may be invited to Singapore to present their work at a conference in November 2025.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- Selected researchers will have opportunities to do on-site research at technology companies in China, with support in data, case studies and fieldwork. Selected researchers will receive stipends covering international flights and local living expenses during visits.

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To broaden the initiative's outreach and impact, participation may be in the form of research papers, commentaries, and short videos. We welcome applicants such

as researchers from universities, research institutes, think tanks and international organisations, as well as technology social observers/commentators and video creators. The deadline for the research proposal submission is 31 May 2025.

Shortlisted participants will get research support in the form of subsidised travel to China and related living expenses. They will also get opportunities to engage with Chinese technology firms and researchers, as well as present their research at a conference in Singapore in November 2025. Outstanding entries will receive cash prizes of up to SGD 30,000.

Research Themes and Topics

In-depth, innovative and interdisciplinary research entries with real-world relevance are encouraged. While applicants may explore any topic relevant to the overall theme "Technology for Good: Driving Social Impact", research proposals related to the following themes and topics are of particular interest:

Theme 1: Approaches for AI Inclusiveness and Internet Technology Equity

- A global perspective of the core competitiveness of Chinese online products and AI inclusiveness
- Comparative studies of AI technological innovation and Large Language Model application between China and the West
- The development and global expansion of Chinese super apps (e.g. WeChat and others)
- Comparative studies of the philosophies and trends behind online product development in China and the West
- The application and challenges of Chinese online products in emerging markets

Theme 2: Enterprise Pursuits of Technology for Good

- Comparative studies of Chinese and Western technology companies in their implementation and models of "Technology for Good"
- The influence of varying platform algorithms and AI tools on shaping public opinion and the perception of different groups
- AI and digital technologies' roles in driving ESG and philanthropic innovation: A

comparative study of China and the West

- Socio-economic impacts of mass-adopted online products: Case studies from China and beyond
- Empirical studies of smartphone addiction (e.g. short videos, games, social media etc) in minors in China and other countries

Selection Criteria and Process

Selection criteria:

1. Innovativeness: Innovative ideas drive technological development and impact. The research projects should provide innovative insights centred around the overall theme "Technology for Good: Driving Social Impact".
2. Grounded Research: Research grounded in real-world observations would inform recommendations for pursuing technology for good.

Selection process:

After submission, shortlisted applicants may be invited to an online interview in June to present to the selection committee. Thereafter, successful applicants will be notified before 15 July 2025.

Final Deliverables

Shortlisted participants should submit their final research entries, which is either a research paper (6,000 – 10,000 words), a commentary (1,500 – 3,000 words) or a video (3 – 10 mins) by 31 October 2025.

Please note that plagiarism is strictly prohibited. All submissions must be original, and any detected plagiarism will result in disqualification.

Incentives

1. Conference Presentation: Shortlisted applicants may be invited to Singapore to present their work at a conference in November 2025.
2. Prizes: Entries selected by the judging committee stand to win cash prizes of up to S$30,000.
3. Research Support: Selected researchers will have opportunities to do exchange and on-site research at technology companies (e.g. Tencent etc) in China, with support in data, case studies, fieldwork, academic exchanges and research dissemination. Selected researchers will receive stipends covering international flights and local living expenses during visits.

Application Materials and Process

Participants can participate individually or as a team of up to five members. We welcome individuals and research teams from all nationalities, disciplines, academic and non-academic professions.

Application materials:

1. Completed application form
2. CVs (if participating as a team, please submit the CVs of all team members)
3. Past work

Application process:

All materials must be prepared and submitted in English. Please note that each individual or team is only allowed to choose one category and submit one application. Please download the application form and submit the above materials in Word format through this link by 31 May 2025. Please direct enquiries to cgs@nus.edu.sg.

We look forward to your participation!