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CNA News (2010/07/07) Another Taiwan-India cooperation is about to begin; geoscientists from both India and Taiwan will begin to cooperate on earthquake investigations from next January.

The 7th Annual Meeting and Geosciences World Community Exhibition of Asia Oceania Geosciences Society (AOGS) is held in Hyderabad between July 5 and 9. Eleven scientists from Taiwan are visiting India now participating in the event. Ministry of Earth Sciences, Science and Technology Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center in New Delhi, has arranged a side meeting between the eleven Taiwanese scientists and six Indian scientists on July 6 evening. The gathering is the first preparatory meeting for the Taiwan-India Earth Sciences Cooperation Project, and the meeting has concluded that both sides together will study earthquakes and climate changes in 2011 and 2012.

The convener of Earth Sciences Division, National Science Council, Professor Ching-Hua LO pointed out, Taiwan has outstanding research dynamics in seismology; earthquake research has a strong demand of mathematics and physics competence while the Indian scientists have been showing excellent performance in these fields as well as in the English language ability. The cooperation of both sides can thus be expected to bring forth a great enhancement of the seismological forecast and simulation methods. The Indian scientists also show much interest in the cooperation.

Professor LO also pointed out, the present postdoctoral scholars from India at National Taiwan University have shown outstanding research ability. He thus advised President of National Taiwan University Si-Chen LEE to visit India and spend effort on inviting these Indian talents to Taiwan; he believed, with the introduction of these postdoctoral Indian young scholars, the cooperation between two sides will become tighter and more institutionalized.

The Director of Science and Technology Division Yuan-huei CHANG said, both sides have reached the agreement to meet in Taipei in January 2011, and the research topics the cooperation project will concentrate on have been decided as the following three, namely, earthquake pre-indications, warning system and earthquake simulation.

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