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Your thoughts to Ping also would be welcomed, I am sure. G

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Ken,

I had an interesting meeting with a Chinese gentleman who works at an office [a spin off from the Huban (the province where Wuhan locates) Science and Technology (not sure what exactly the office's name but will get his business card in emails soon)]. The primary purpose of this office is similar to what I am doing here seeking, facilitating, and promoting international scientific collaborations for scientists in Wuhan. It also functions as an liason (or lobbist) representing the local scientists or organizations. He had tried months to meet with me (found me in LinkedIn) and we finally met.

His office has been asked by an academic organization organized by scientific institutions including Wuhan Institute of Virology, which focuses on research on serious/severe infectious diseases, to help the members in the organization increase scientific exchanges between the members and international ID experts. The possible activities would include but not limited to having scientist exchange programs, inviting international ID experts for seminars, exploring potential international collaborations, etc. He invited me to go to Wuhan to give an introduction about NIAID and our ID research programs. I asked him to send me the information about this organization, its members, its mission, what they try to accomplish and its priority areas of ID research.

He also mentioned that his office prepares written reports and submit them to the relevant parties in MOST to voice scientific issues that they think are important and should be included in the next 13/5 mega projects (next year is critical for this. Once a project is included in the 13/5 mega projects, it would get funding from MOST for the next 5 years). [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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[REDACTED] He did repeatedly say that they are not paid by the organization to work for them. The office is an entity of the local government dedicated to promote science for the local scientists.

Thanks

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