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The Second Digital Economic Forum (2023) of the China Society of World Economics (CSWE) was successfully convened on November 3, 2023 at the Gubei Campus in the Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE). The forum was co-organized by CSWE, SUIBE, Shanghai Society of

World Economy, and Shanghai Society of International Trade. It was undertaken by the Department of Academic Journals at SUIBE. The event brought together experts, scholars, and postgraduate students from renowned universities and research institutes, including Tsinghua University and Zhejiang University. Participants engaged in in-depth exchanges and discussions centered around the digital economy's role in international trade and the world economy, with a particular focus on its high-quality development.

Professor Xu Yonglin, vice president of SUIBE, emphasized in his opening speech that the digital economy had emerged as a significant economic form following the agricultural and industrial economies. It served as a powerful driving force behind China's pursuit of high-quality

economic growth in this new stage of development, and presented a strategic choice to embrace the opportunities brought by the new round of science and technology revolution and industrial transformation, said Xu. Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPC Central Committee has placed significant emphasis on the advancement of the digital economy and designated it as a crucial national strategy. It is expected that the participants of this academic seminar will not only generate fresh ideas and insights but also build consensus and enhance friendships through effective communication. Together, they will contribute their wisdom and efforts to facilitate the high-quality development of the digital economy, accelerate Chinese modernization, and promote further opening-up.

Professor Quan Heng, the vice president of the CSWE and the secretary of the CPC Committee of the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, put forward six key research topics in the speech. These topics include China's mega-market system and the new comparative advantages of the digital economy, and the interplay between the digital economy and five key areas, which are the theoretical expansion of data productive factors, the upgrading of traditional industries, the innovative development of new business forms and models, social governance, as well as opening up and security.

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The 2023 Academic Seminar of the Chinese Association of Agro-Technical Economics (CAATE) took place in Guiyang on September 17, 2023. Esteemed experts and scholars from agricultural economics nationwide convened to exchange and share their most

recent academic ideas and research achievements.

The CAATE Academic Seminar is renowned as one of the most prestigious conferences in the field of agricultural and forestry economic management in China. It also acts as a significant brand event for academic discussions and exchanges within the agricultural economics community. This year's seminar is co-organized by CAATE and Guizhou University and is being carried out by the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and the School of Economics of Guizhou University. The seminar comprises ten keynote reports and six parallel sessions for thematic reports.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Chen Mengshan, the president of CAATE, and speeches were delivered by Zhang Guangqi, the vice-chairperson of

the CPPCC Guizhou Committee, Ding Fengming, the secretary-general of the Guizhou Federation of Social Sciences, Li Jianjun, secretary of the CPC Committee of Guizhou University, and Yuan Longjiang, the director of the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development of CAAS.

During the seminar, over 300 experts and scholars from around 100 universities and research institutes across the country engaged in discussions centered on one theme: institutional innovation and boosting China's strength in agriculture. Furthermore, the discussions are focused on six topics. These include food security and maintaining stable production and supply of essential agricultural commodities, as well as theories and practices in the modernization of rural governance; the other four topics revolve around the relations between building up China's strength in agriculture and innovating the land system, sci-tech innovation, the digital economy, and green development, respectively. The primary objective of the seminar is to provide theoretical guidance for advancing rural revitalization across the board and moving faster to build up China's strength in agriculture.