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## **Prof. Wanka, the German Minister for Education and Research, joined the Signing Ceremony of the Joint Declaration for the SIGN-project**

Prof. Johanna Wanka, the German Minister for Education and Research, chose the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) as one important destination of her first official visit to China. There, Prof. Wanka met the Chinese Science Minister Prof. WAN Gang and the SIGN coordinator in order to join the signing ceremony of the joint declaration between Tongji University and the SIGN project. Prof. Wanka emphasized the importance of “clean water” as research topic for the Sino-German research cooperation in order to address the global ecological challenges we all face. Furthermore she stated that successful innovation needs the interaction between science, academia, industry and civil society.

### **德国联邦教育研究部部长万卡教授莅临SIGN 项目合作协议签署仪式**

中国科学技术部（MoST）是德国教研部部长Johanna Wanka教授此次官方访华行程的重要目的地。Johanna Wanka教授在此会见了科技部部长万钢教授和SIGN项目协调单位成员，莅临了同济大学与SIGN项目合作协议的签署仪式。其间Johanna Wanka教授将“清洁水”列为未来亟需同中国加强合作的研究课题之一，以适应全球生态环境面临的各种挑战。此外她还强调，创新须在科学、产业与社会的紧密合作下方可实现。

