1. The Queensland Government has had a strategic science relationship with the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) through a Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) on scientific and technological collaboration since 2008. The Memorandum expired in March 2014.
2. The renewal of the Memorandum for a further three-year period is intended to foster and provide support for increasing science and technology collaboration between Queensland and China, delivering economic, social and environmental benefits to the state.
3. The Memorandum seeks to develop collaborations in agreed joint priority areas of agriculture (including food), human health and medical research, cleaner and renewable energy technologies, environment (including marine and terrestrial), advanced materials and nanotechnology, and digital-enabled technologies.
4. The key areas proposed in the Memorandum align with Queensland’s science and research priorities, and are also highlighted in China’s Science and Technology Development Plan of the 12thFive-Year Plan.
5. Cabinet approved the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding for scientific and technological collaboration between the State of Queensland and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology.
6. *Attachment*
* [Memorandum of Understanding regarding the development of scientific and technological collaborations between the State of Queensland, Australia and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People’s Republic of China](Attachments/MOU%20QLD-MOST.PDF)