

2025 UK-China Health Connect Forum

I. Background

Earlier this year, China and the UK jointly launched the "UK-China Health Innovation Platform," with the Investment Promotion Agency of the Ministry of Commerce of China (CIPA) and the Life Sciences & Healthcare Directorate of the UK Department for Business and Trade (DBT) serving as the implementing agencies. Both sides will coordinate their respective resources to foster synergy, promoting communication and collaboration across government, academia, and industry. The two countries will facilitate mutual visits of industry and enterprise delegations and co-host UK-China Health Innovation Platform Investment Promotion Events to advance industrial alignment and investment cooperation in the life and health sciences sector.

II. Time and Venue

- Time: September 8, 2025, 14:00–16:20
- Venue: Room 204, Xiamen International Conference & Exhibition Centre

III. Organisers

(1) Hosts

- Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China
- UK Department for Business and Trade

(2) Organisers

- Investment Promotion Agency, Ministry of Commerce of China
- British Consulate-General in Guangzhou

(3) Supporting Organisations

- People's Government of Fujian Province
- China-Britain Business Council
- Global Technology Innovation Cooperation Alliance (Globaltech IP)

IV. Scale

150–200 participants

V. Preliminary Agenda

Moderator: Song Lei, Director of the Pharmaceutical & Chemical Department, CIPA

Session 1: Opening Remarks (14:00–14:20)

- Peter Wilson, British Ambassador to China
- Jiang Erxiong, Vice Governor of Fujian Province
- Liu Minqiang, Investment Promotion Agency, Ministry of Commerce of China
- UK Local Government Representative
 - Janet Coyle, Managing Director, Grow London at London & Partners

Session 2: Platform Launch Ceremony (14:20–14:25)

Leaders from both sides will be invited on stage. A visual of the platform launch will be displayed on the big screen. Leaders will press handprints to symbolize the official launch of the UK-China Health Innovation Platform.

Session 3: Keynote Speech – Opportunities for UK-China Cooperation in Life and Health Sciences (14:25–14:55)

- Hassan Chaudhury, Former DBT Global Digital Health Specialist
 - Topic: Overview of the UK health innovation ecosystem, including NHS strengths, regulatory framework, and international cooperation priorities.
 - Li Zhiyong, Vice Chairman and Secretary General of China Association of Medical Equipment
 - Topic: Interpretation of China's healthcare reform, innovation drivers, investment trends, and openness to global collaboration.

Session 4: Panel Discussion (14:55–16:15)

Panel 1: From Insight to Impact – UK-China Health Industry Cooperation (40 minutes)

Moderator: Rahul Agarwal, Counsellor for Life Sciences & Healthcare, British Embassy in China

Panellists:

- Nick Small, Member of Liverpool City Council Cabinet for Economy & Growth
- Wen Yufang, Director of Central Government Affairs, AstraZeneca China
- Feng Fengmei, Director, Zhuhai Investment Service Bureau
- Wang Ying, General Manager, Beijing Changping Technology Innodevelop Group
- Wang Guangyuan, Director, Wuxi High-Tech Zone Investment Promotion Centre

Roundtable 2: Co-Creating the Future – UK-China Health Innovation Collaboration (15:35-16:15)

Moderator: Zhang Fan, Deputy General Manager of China International Investment Agency

Panellists:

- Dr. Daniel Brooker, Director, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) China Office
- Zhao Lun, Vice President, GSK China
- Fu Yue, Vice President, Haleon China
- Cai Hua, General Manager, CITIC Medical Fund
- Zhuang Jia, Executive Director of ATLATL Beijing International Innovation Centre

Session 5: Closing Remarks (16:15–16:20)

- John Edwards, Director, Investment Office, DBT