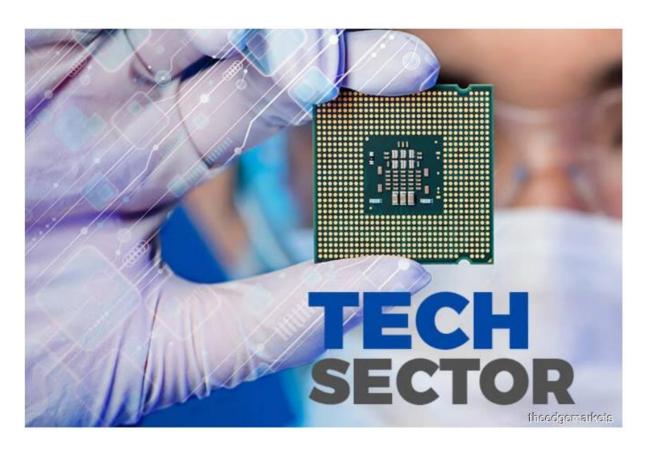
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GUANGXI-ASEAN OPENS UP PROSPECTS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION COOPERATION ETON KHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR (Sept 27): The 9th Forum on China-ASEAN Technology Transfer and Collaborative Innovation was recently inaugurated in Nanning.

The China-ASEAN Technology Trading Platform and the Innovation Space for China-ASEAN Science and Technology Talents were officially launched at the conference, according to a statement.

In recent years, the Department of Science and Technology of Guangxi has made full use of the geographical advantage of Guangxi, such as being adjacent to ASEAN countries.

This included implementation of 'the Belt and Road' Science, Technology and Innovation Action Plan, strengthened the construction of China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Center (CATTC), and strived to open up a new situation in cooperation in scientific and technological innovation between Guangxi and ASEAN.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Department of Science and Technology of Guangxi has pioneered a new mode of technology transfer, helped CATTC to establish inter-governmental bilateral technology transfer mechanisms with nine ASEAN countries including Thailand, Laos and Cambodia.

It also set up joint technology transfer working groups with seven ASEAN countries, and established a China-ASEAN technology transfer cooperation network covering 10 ASEAN countries and some countries of the Belt and Road Initiative with over 2,600 members, which has given a strong boost to the cooperation between China and ASEAN countries in scientific and technological innovation.

The Department of Science and Technology of Guangxi has actively cooperated with universities and institutes at home and abroad to establish innovation platforms such as China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Center Bangkok Innovation Center.

Meanwhile, to cope with regional development problems, the Department of Science and Technology of Guangxi has actively promoted the joint research, development and promotion of key generic technologies between the scientific research institutions and enterprises of Guangxi and ASEAN countries.