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NSW-China research partnership

Minister for Science and Medical Research Jodi McKay today announced more than \$600,000 in NSW Government funding to support three collaborative medical research projects being undertaken by Chinese and New South Wales researchers.

Ms McKay said the first round of grants will be awarded to successful applicants under the NSW Government's *China-NSW Collaborative Research Program*, a joint initiative to support research that combines traditional Chinese medicine and modern approaches to treat medical conditions such as cancer, heart disease and brain injuries.

"The pilot program is an important collaboration between the New South Wales and Chinese Governments and will see some of the worlds leading scientists become research partners," Ms McKay said.

"New South Wales and China will contribute more than \$1 million for the program.

"By working together and combining ideas and resources, scientists will be able to further their research in ways they could not have achieved otherwise.

Ms McKay said the three successful applicants' research efforts will have significant benefits for both China and New South Wales.

"New South Wales and China are world class when it comes to scientific expertise and research facilities, and the selected projects have the potential to contribute to improved prevention and treatment of priority health issues," she said.

Ms McKay said the NSW and Chinese Governments committed to supporting the cooperative research program as part of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by both parties in March this year.

"The signing of the MoU and the establishment of the *China-NSW Collaborative Research Program* are important steps in continuing the long-standing relationship between New South Wales and China," Ms McKay said.

"The NSW Government looks forward to the results of these cutting edge research projects and ongoing collaboration with our Chinese partners."

The *China-NSW Collaborative Research Program* is supported by the NSW Office for Science and Medical Research and China's Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Technology.

China-NSW Collaborative Research Program funding recipients:

- **China-NSW Cancer Genesis, Spread and Treatment Proteomic Discovery Program**
 - Professor Mark Baker (Macquarie University) and Professor Fuchu He (Beijing Proteome Research Centre)

- **Efficacy Biomarkers for Traditional Therapy in Myocardial Angina Pectoris**
 - Dr Stuart Cordwell (University of Sydney) and A/Professor Jin Cao (Xiyuan Hospital, China Academy of Chinese Medical Sciences, Beijing)

- **China-Australia Therapeutic Hypothermia in Stroke Research Program**
 - A/Professor Chris Levi (University of Newcastle and John Hunter Hospital) and Professor Chuanlu Jiang (Harbin Medical University)