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Nature China relaunches

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To celebrate the publication of the Nature Publishing Index 2010 China, Nature Publishing Group (NPG) today relaunches *Nature China*. ***Nature China*** is dedicated to highlighting the best research from Hong Kong and mainland China in science and clinical medicine.

"Our relaunch and expansion of *Nature China* reflects China's growth as a scientific and economic 'powerhouse'," says Felix Cheung, Editor of *Nature China*.

The relaunch includes a new homepage design and expanded content. Launched in 2007, *Nature China* already provides research highlights: short summaries of the best recently published papers from the region, updated monthly. It will now include highlights from journals published by NPG with partners in China including *Acta Pharmalogica Sinica, Asian Journal of Andrology* and *Cell Research*. In addition, *Nature China* provides the lists of top ten most read research highlights of 2009 and 2010.

"*Nature China* aims to raise awareness of China's best science to the benefit of China and the world of science as a whole," said David Swinbanks, Managing Director Asia and Australasia, Nature Publishing Group. "We have seen significant growth in high quality research from China over the past ten years. The numbers of papers from China published in Nature research journals has risen from just six in 2000 to 149 in 2010, and there is a comparable rise in numbers of papers in other high impact journals - *Science, Cell, The Lancet*, and *NEJM*. Journals published in China are increasing their citations, as evidenced by increasing Impact Factors."

From today, *Nature China* also showcases the Nature Publishing Index China, which ranks Chinese institutions according to their output of papers in Nature primary research journals. The new index, updated monthly, gives an indication of where some of the best research in China is being carried out and is also available at **www.natureasia.com/publishing-index/china**.

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Notes for editors:

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Resources and images:

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