

## Media Release

# Syngenta Group China to build world-class innovation center in Nanjing

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- A cutting-edge Syngenta Group China Innovation Center will be built within the National Innovation Center for Modern Agri-technology (Nanjing), facilitating its ambitious plans to build an “Agricultural Silicon Valley”
- The new innovation center will be part of Syngenta Group’s global R&D and innovation network and will address key agricultural challenges worldwide

Syngenta Group China today announced it has entered into an agreement with the National Innovation Center for Modern Agri-technology (Nanjing) to build a new world-class innovation center in Nanjing’s Pukou District. It will be Syngenta Group’s most advanced global innovation research and development (R&D) center and agro-tech science hub in China.

A signing ceremony was held today, attended by Huo Huiping, Vice Mayor of Nanjing, Qi Yuwei, Pukou District Party Secretary, and Hengde Qin, President of Syngenta Group China.

The initial capital investment will be US\$ 230 million and the new Syngenta Group China Innovation Center will cover a wide range of advanced research areas across the entire agriculture value chain, with a strong focus on biologicals, digitalization and big data technologies for agriculture.

Erik Fyrwald, Syngenta Group CEO said: “Establishing this world-class Syngenta Group China Innovation Center marks an important milestone and it will allow us to carry out more leading-edge research in China for crop protection and biologicals. The investment we are making today complements our other global sites and further strengthens our leading position as a global innovation powerhouse.”

Jon Parr, President Global Crop Protection at Syngenta said: “This cutting-edge innovation center will be the first in China that is focused on crop protection research. With this innovation center, Syngenta Group will have three world-class crop protection research and development sites around the world.”

Hengde Qin, President of Syngenta Group China said: “It is a great honour for Syngenta Group to contribute to China’s vision of creating an ‘Agricultural Silicon Valley’ in Nanjing. We are sincerely looking forward to developing the Syngenta Group China Innovation Center into a world-leading facility with the support of Nanjing Municipal Government and Pukou District Government.”

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