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### Itinerant Speeches of the China-Europa Forum Kick Off in Sept.

Sept. 29

Apart from the workshop discussions, the China-Europa Forum, in co operation with Peking University, Renmin University of China, and Tsinghua University organize campus lectures in Beijing. Mr. Launay and Mrs. Launay shared their views and expertise on “Internet and Privacy Protection” and “Feeding the world in 2050! Do GMO bring the response at these questions? Different points of views of researchers in Europe.”

#### **The first stop-Peking University:**

In the afternoon of 28, Mr. Launay delivered a speech on *Challenges and Prospects of the Internet* at Peking University. Nearly 50 students took part in.

Mr. Launay began with latest key figures of Internet technology and users worldwide. The most attention was focused on issues and perspectives of the Internet: net neutrality, the Internet global governance and privacy protection.

It was concluded that net neutrality, Internet governance globally, privacy were interdependent. Citizens are subject to challenges, but they are actors whose awareness on the online personal data protection should be raised. In the Q&A session, Mr. Launay expressed his views on the Chinese Internet status quo after a student put forward a question concerning the Internet control in China.

Ms. Shi, executive director of Center for Civil Society Studies, hosted the speech.



#### **The second stop-Renmin University of China:**

Have you ever thought about the food security of 40 years later? What will we eat for survival with the ever expanding population, emerging food safety and decreasing natural resources?



Mrs. Françoise Launay, Director of Doctoral Studies at AgroParisTech and ABIES Doctoral School, would give you an answer. In the afternoon of Sept. 28, Mrs. Launay delivered a speech on “Feeding the world in 2050! Do GMO bring the response at these questions?-Different points of views of researchers in Europe” in the School of Agricultural and Rural Development at Renmin University of China.

She began with major stakes of agriculture and food in the century: the population growth, aging and urbanization, the food security (including hunger and malnutrition) and the environment protection and natural resources.

Is GMO the solution to these challenges? She did not think so because “the quite GMO solution would not settle the questions of productivity”, what is more important “we cannot say that there is no risk for the health of man, nor anybody risks for the environment.”

In her view, the development and innovation of agrosystems will be a better solution so far. Public policies facilitating access to land and prices for the products and trade were also needed to secure a sustainable agricultural, thus assuring the food safety. A town and country planning policy taking accounts of the environmental requirements would also be in need.

Mrs. Launay took students and Internet users questions after the speech in a lively atmosphere. The speech and Q&A session lasted for more than 2 hours.

Tencent’s Yanshan Public Lecture co-organized the campus speech.

### **The third stop-Tsinghua University:**

In the morning of Sept. 29, Mrs. Launay made a similar speech in Tsinghua University. The audience included undergraduates, graduates and doctor candidates of the Department of Sociology.

Students of Tsinghua University raised questions from a totally different aspect. This was evident in the Q&A session. They focused more attention on the impact of mass migrations on agriculture in France, which was caused by government policies, and is similar to China’s current situation. Mrs. Launay said that population of a city should be controlled between 10-20 million; the rest should stay in countryside so as to secure food supplies.

She alarmed that we cannot forget a fact that “The farmers while cultivating the lands feed the men.”



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