

Ambassador Sufiur Rahman Attends 3rd Seminar between Chinese and South Asian Governments, Industries, Universities and Research Institutes in Kunming

Ambassador (Retd.) Sufiur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow at the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North South University, attended the 3rd Seminar between Chinese and South Asian Governments, Industries, Universities and Research Institutes held in Kunming, China, on 10 June 2026.



In his statement, Ambassador Rahman highlighted new opportunities for networking, partnership, and cooperation among China, South Asian countries, and neighbouring regions. Referring to the depth and maturity of China–ASEAN interactions, he underscored the need for China to place greater strategic and economic focus on South Asia, a region marked by a large population, expanding markets, and significant economic potential.

Ambassador Rahman noted that regional cooperation in South Asia continues to face limitations due to the relatively slow progress of SAARC and BIMSTEC. Against this backdrop, he advised exploring stronger and more practical forms of engagement between China and South Asian countries.



He further suggested that such cooperation could begin at the sectoral level through networking among governments, industries, universities, and research institutions. This approach, he noted, could help build trust, promote collaboration, and enable countries to become constructive partners without necessarily becoming part of any formal alliance.



Ambassador Sufiur Rahman also participated in other events of the 10th China–South Asia Exposition, held in Kunming from 11–16 June 2026. His participation reflects SIPG’s continued engagement in regional policy dialogue, South Asian cooperation, China–South Asia relations, and cross-sectoral knowledge exchange.

