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China Ranked No. 1 in Microorganisms Deposits in 2008-2009

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Recently, the WIPO issued “Microorganisms Deposits and Samples (2001-2009) of the International Depository Authorities.” According to this statistics, the total amounts of microorganism deposits in China respectively are 887 and 1120 in 2008 and 2009, which consecutively ranked No.1 in the world. According to the above data statistics issued by the WIPO, totally 69,546 strains of microorganisms were deposited in 37 international depository authorities in 22 countries in the world, and 12,988 samples were furnished to the public. By the end of 2009, the United States (29,423 strains), Japan (10,033 strains) and Germany (6,647 strains) ranked the top three in microorganism deposits, and China took the fourth place with 6,614 strains, and countries that had furnished the most samples were the United States (9,796 strains), Germany (720 strains) and Japan (669 strains), and China ranked the eighth with 148 samples furnished.

Microorganism strains are the core of biotechnology, and the amount of microorganism deposits and samples from one aspect reflects the level of biotechnology research, the activity of biotechnology research, and protection for the biotechnology by the intellectual property in a country.

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