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The Chinese Garden Flora is the first integrative ex situ Flora, it will greatly benefit global ex situ conservation and provide needed basics and mega information services to agriculture, forestry, horticulture, as well as environmental and medicinal industries in future.
— HUANG Hongwen (Professor and Former Director, South China Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences; General Secretary, International Association of Botanic Gardens)

For plants, there are many works such as *Flora of China*, *Economic Plant Flora of China* in China, but there is no garden flora or *ex situ* cultivated flora of China. The latter is more closely related to effective conservation of plant diversity and the sustainable use of plant resources, so compilation and publication of *The Chinese Garden Flora* are of great significance and very importance.

—XU Zaifu (Professor and Former Director, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, Chinese Academy of Sciences)

China has a long history of garden plants cultivation and richest *ex situ* flora. The compilation of *The Chinese Garden Flora* will enhance the expansion in depth and breadth of *ex situ* plant conservation in China and even the whole world.

——Vernon Heywood (Professor Emeritus, Reading University, UK)

The Chinese Garden Flora will provide scientific bases for plant ex situ conservation and in-depth discovery of plant resources under current challenges of global climate changes.

——Stephen Blackmore (Professor and Former Regius Keeper, Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh)

You are fortunate in that you have government support for your cultivated flora project. It is important and has many applications.

——Tom Elias (Former Director, US National Arboretum)

**Note:** Above are extracted from the meeting minute of International Consulting Meeting on *Ex situ* Cultivated Flora of China, November 16, 2012, Guangzhou, China.