

We would like to make you aware of several key facts in relation to the collaboration between the Centre for Advanced Photonics and Electronics, University of Cambridge (CAPE) and the Beijing Institute of Aerospace Control Devices (BIACD).

- No new projects with the Beijing Institute of Aerospace Control Devices (BIACD) have been approved since 2018.
- In light of this inactivity and following an internal review BIACD participation in CAPE will end on September 30 2023.
- £1.2m unused funds are due to be returned to BIACD at the end of their participation, so the funding received is more accurately stated as <£1m.
- We sought Government advice and review before entering the partnership with BIACD. We were aware that the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC) have both civil and defence interests. CAPE only worked with the civil part of BIACD. Their participation was reviewed by the UKTI office in the UK embassy in Beijing before their membership was approved.
- All CAPE projects go through internal university due diligence processes and all projects with BIACD were reviewed for export control compliance before approval.
- All projects were for civilian application and none of the research was on military (or dual use) technologies.

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