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Dr. He started his career in 1975 as Research Scientist in the Chinese Academy of Sciences, focusing on geo-information applications. He participated in a number of large-scale national key research projects covering agricultural land use/cover mapping, forest surveying and mapping, and coastal development planning. Since 1984, Dr. He held several senior positions in the Government of China, including that of Deputy Director-General of the Department of Basic Research and High Technology, State Sciences and Technology Commission and, concurrently, he was in charge of the National Remote Sensing Center of China. He was mainly involved in the development and implementation of national policies, strategies and programmes on natural resources and environment management. From 1988 to 1998, Dr. He served as Chief Technical Advisor and Section Chief, Environment and Natural Resources Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific. During this period, he led the development of a number of regional programmes on environment and natural resources management and initiated an operational inter-governmental cooperation network on space technology applications for the region.

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