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As indicated by the overarching theme of Beijing's Horticultural Exhibition "Live Green, Live Better", horticulture contributes to promote respect for nature and a better life in harmony with nature. Horticultural industry comprises a wide range of plants and crops including fruit and nut trees, vegetables, edible fungi, and ornamental plants, as well as tea plants, which are cultivated for food, beverage, comfort and beautification purposes. Horticultural products not only serve as important dietary sources of antioxidants, vitamins and mineral nutrients for human nutrition and health, but also helps human being maintain the joyful mood. The cover image shows the main horticultural crops broadly distributed throughout the world, including apple, peach, pummelo, tomato, etc. Development of a green and sustainable horticulture, producing more and safer horticultural products, will assist in meeting the ever-increasing demand of the growing human population and achieving people's yearning for a better and healthy life.

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