



Press release

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Franco-Chinese Double Degrees: MINES ParisTech, Tsinghua University and INSA are renewing their agreements

Paris - MINES ParisTech, Tsinghua University (Beijing) and INSA Lyon have signed today the renewal, for a 3 years period of their agreements on their joint training programmes: two advanced master's degrees leading to Franco-Chinese double diplomas.

The signing of the agreements took place at MINES ParisTech, in the presence of a Tsinghua delegation led by the Chairman of the University Council. The ceremony was combined with the awarding of the degrees to the 2009/2010 class and the celebration of the centenary of Tsinghua University.

The current agreements was signed in March 2007 by MINES ParisTech, Tsinghua University, the INSA Lyon (Institut National des Sciences Appliquées), thereby implementing the creation of two Franco-Chinese programmes:

- the post-master's degree ENVIM (Environmental International Management) ;
- the post-master's degree ALEF (International Energy Management).

MINES ParisTech has always considered the development of international education programmes, particularly with China, to be of strategic importance. The School wishes to expand cooperation agreements with prestigious international universities in order to attract the best students and research-academics of a worldwide calibre and to be able to offer companies operating in a globalized economy, young managers capable of working in multi-cultural teams and on projects in a variety of locations.

The two Franco-Chinese training programmes have met with growing success since 2007, with a student intake expanding from 19 to 35 at the beginning of 2010-2011.

Their programmes, lasting for more than one year and taught in English, are open to students with Baccalaureate + 5 and lead to the awarding of a Franco-Chinese double degree of a Baccalaureate + 6 level or more:

- specialized Master's Degree, with the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles accreditation
- Master's Degree in Engineering of Tsinghua University.

The students spend the first four months in France and the following four months in Tsinghua. From June onwards, the students begin their industrial assignments, in France or in China, lasting until the end of November. They subsequently submit their professional theses in Beijing in December.

A particular funding scheme has been adopted for the two programmes, involving industrial participation. The partner company in which each student carries out his/her professional assignments meets the student's tuition fees and expenses in most cases.

The two programmes were implemented in the framework of the CEFCEET (Centre Franco-Chinois de l'Environnement et de l'Energie de Tsinghua) and are the subject of the official Agreement for Double Degree Programme.

About Tsinghua University

Founded in 1911 in Beijing, Tsinghua University - one of China's most famous universities - subscribes to the education ideal of comprehensive mastery of Chinese and foreign, classic and modern knowledge in the sciences and the humanities.

Tsinghua is an important center in China for nurturing talented students and promoting advanced scientific research. A comprehensive, research-oriented, and open university, Tsinghua has also developed an integrated education platform in science, engineering, the humanities, and medicine.

One of the earliest Chinese universities to invite foreign teachers, Tsinghua University in recent years has established sound relations with many world-famous universities. More and more overseas scholars and students come to study and work at Tsinghua and many important international meetings are held here. The University also welcomes a number of renowned figures from various countries, including state and international organization heads, university presidents, Nobel Prize winners, and CEOs of multinational corporations.

About INSA Lyon

INSA Lyon is one of France's largest engineering graduate schools, and operates a fully integrated Education, Research and Innovation approach. Since its creation in 1957, the international arena has been an essential area for development notably through numerous educational and research partnerships.

Asia is a thriving region in terms of higher education, research and innovation. INSA Lyon was quick to develop links with Asian countries, and has now strong partnerships with China, Vietnam, Singapore, South Korea, India and Japan. The activities ensure high quality collaboration with prestigious universities such as the University of Tokyo, the National University of Singapore and Tsinghua University.

Generally speaking INSA Lyon promotes students' and researchers' mobility and joint projects, always focusing on the triptych "Education – Research – Industry".

About MINES ParisTech

Since its foundation in 1783, MINES ParisTech has trained high-level engineers, capable of resolving complex problems in quite varied fields. As the leading school in France by its volume of contractual research, MINES ParisTech generates substantial research activity in the industrial field. Its domains of research extend from energy to material science, applied mathematics, geosciences and economics and social sciences. The school also encourages the creation of chairs for education and research on emerging themes.

MINES ParisTech is a founding member of ParisTech, which brings together 12 of the Parisian higher schools of engineering and management. www.mines-paristech.eu

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