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## Sino-French Master's Program in Innovation & Entrepreneurship celebrates its first graduating cohort

Hangzhou, China – On March 31, 2019, a graduation ceremony was held on the Zijingang Campus of Zhejiang University (ZJU) for the first graduating cohort of the Sino-French dual degree Master's Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The Presidents of ZJU, École Polytechnique, ENSTA ParisTech and Télécom ParisTech joined together in Hangzhou to celebrate this important milestone of the program and this outstanding achievement for the 10 graduating students.



Accredited by the French *Conférence des Grandes Écoles (CGE)*, this Master's program is a result of the longstanding partnership between ZJU, École Polytechnique, ENSTA ParisTech and Télécom ParisTech. Participants of the program spend the first two semesters at ZJU and the third semester in courses at the three partner French engineering schools ("*Grandes Écoles d'Ingénieurs*"), where they learn from top faculty members of the partner institutions and develop a more international outlook during their academic career. During

their final semester, students return to ZJU for the preparation and defense of their Master's thesis.

In total, 31 Master's students of Polytechnic Institute, Zhejiang University have been enrolled in the program since its launch in September 2016. During the ceremony, students who meet the degree requirements will receive a Master's degree in Engineering/Engineering Management from ZJU and an Advanced Master's Degree from the partner French engineering schools.

The history of the program can be traced back to 2011, when ZJU and ParisTech officially confirmed their partnership by signing an MoU at the institutional level. Since then, frequent mutual visits and multi-level collaborations have been carried out between ZJU and the three partner institutions. Crafted with the best aspects of both the Chinese and French education systems, the program is a huge testament to the mutual benefits of international collaboration and cooperation.

For more information about the event:

[http://www.zju.edu.cn/english/new\\_events/list.htm](http://www.zju.edu.cn/english/new_events/list.htm)



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**ABOUT ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY** / Founded in 1897, Zhejiang University (ZJU) is one of China's top higher education institutions. The University has an extensive range of disciplines and is organized across 7 faculties and 36 schools. Laying claim to several areas of research strength, ZJU currently ranks among the top three on Chinese mainland and within the top 100 in the Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings and QS World University Rankings.

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**ABOUT ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE** / École Polytechnique, also known as L'X, is the leading French institution combining top-level research, academics, and innovation at the cutting-edge of science and technology. Its various undergraduate and graduate-level programs – Bachelor of Science, Ingénieur Polytechnicien (Master's level program), Master's, and PhD – are highly selective and promote a culture of excellence with a strong emphasis on science, anchored in humanist traditions. As a widely internationalized university, École Polytechnique offers a variety of international programs and attracts a growing number of foreign students and researchers from around the globe (currently 36% of students and 39% of faculty members).

École Polytechnique offers an exceptional education to prepare bright men and women to excel in top-level key positions and lead complex and innovative projects which meet the challenges of 21st century society, all while maintaining a keen sense of their civil and social responsibilities. With its 23 laboratories, 22 of which are joint research units with the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), the École Polytechnique Research Center explores the frontiers of interdisciplinary knowledge to provide major contributions to science, technology, and society. École Polytechnique is also a pioneer and leading institution of the major scientific and economic cluster, Paris-Saclay, bringing together top French higher education and research institutions, as well as R&D centers of prominent international companies.

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**ABOUT ENSTA PARISTECH** / ENSTA ParisTech is a French "Grande École" (Graduate School of Engineering) under the supervision of the Ministry of Defence, providing high-level scientific education leading to several degrees ("Diplôme d'ingénieur", Master's Degree, Ph.D.) and conducting high-level applied research in close collaboration with industrial partners. ENSTA ParisTech is acknowledged as a leading institution in the fields of transport, energy and complex systems engineering. ENSTA ParisTech is deeply involved in the development and visibility of French higher education, at international, national and local levels. It is one of the founding members of Institut Polytechnique de Paris.

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**ABOUT TÉLÉCOM PARISTECH** / Télécom ParisTech Grande Ecole is one of the Top 4 Engineering Schools in France. This public school guarantees excellent employability in all fields and has emerged as the number one engineering school in the field of digital technology. Its excellent teaching and innovative pedagogy place Télécom ParisTech at the heart of a unique ecosystem of innovation, which is built upon the interactions and transversality between education, interdisciplinary research, its two business incubators, and its campuses (Paris and Sophia Antipolis - EURECOM). Its research units are recognized for excellence by the HCERES (Evaluation Agency for Research and Higher Education) thanks to an exceptional scientific production in quality and quantity. The partnership research at Télécom ParisTech has received the Carnot Télécom & Société Numérique label. Its research covers the entire field of digital technology. Télécom ParisTech is part of the IMT (Institut Mines-Télécom) and is a founding member of the internationally-renowned ParisTech network. It is to become the College of innovation through digital technology on Paris-Saclay campus.

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