



## HKUST and CentraleSupélec Signed an academic cooperation for Dual Degree in Engineering

**March 17th, 2016 | The School of Engineering (SENG) of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and CentraleSupélec, leading French Institute of Science and Technology, founding member of the University Paris-Saclay, have established an academic cooperation that will allow students to simultaneously earn a Dual Degree in engineering from both institutions.**

Prof Tongxi Yu, Acting Dean of Engineering of HKUST, and Prof Marc Zolver, Dean of International Affairs & Partnerships of CentraleSupélec, signed an agreement of academic cooperation for dual degree in engineering in the presence of Mr Eric Berti, Consul general of France in Hong Kong and Macau, at HKUST on March 17th, 2016. The partnership, which will begin next academic year (2016/2017), forges a strong academic alliance between the two Institutions.

*“The signing of the agreement turns a new page in the collaboration between SENG and CS. It will have significant impact not only on SENG’s expanded role in education in Europe but also on the enhanced development of higher education and the training of talents in the region”* said Prof Yu.

For Prof Zolver *“The establishment of the dual degree program testifies to CentraleSupélec’s determination to extend the international opportunities for our students and faculties to the very best institutions in Asia. This education partnership will allow candidates from two very best institutes to build a foundation on which to establish further academic and research collaborations.”*

Mr. Berti stated that *this new dual degree program capitalizes on the strengths of two world-class universities: HKUST, one of Asia’s leading international universities and CentraleSupélec, one of France’s leading Engineering schools. “We are proud of such a fruitful academic cooperation between Hong Kong and France, since dual degrees are and will be even more in the future a key asset for students evolving in a globalized world”* added the Consul general.

According to the agreement, Dual Degree students from CentraleSupélec studying at HKUST and from HKUST studying at CentraleSupélec may be awarded, upon successful fulfilment of all requirements for graduation at each higher education institution, the academic degrees and diplomas of comparable academic levels conferred separately by each institution.

Over the past years, SENG continued to expand its scope of collaboration with academic and research institutions around the world, apart from further strengthening the ongoing collaboration with existing partners, e.g. establishing a long-term relation with Zhejiang University in China. A number of new partnerships were also established, e.g. Academic Cooperation with the Spanish National Research Council (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, CSIC) in 2014, University of Zaragoza in Spain in 2015, and Queensland University of Technology in Australia in 2014. The School has also liaised with some other renowned universities on the establishment of dual degree programs, e.g. Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI) in Italy in 2016 and University of Waterloo in Canada in 2015.

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CentraleSupélec is a truly international institution. It boasts 193 academic and research partnerships in 45 countries, more than 80 Double Degree agreements, along with exchange agreements for term or annual intra-European mobility arrangements. Some 30% of CentraleSupélec students are internationals and its Engineering students must spend at least 6 months abroad during their program. Lately, CentraleSupélec has signed partnership agreements with Politecnico de Milano (Italy), Georgia Tech (USA) and the University of British Columbia (Canada) in the field of academic and research collaborations as well as student, teacher and researcher mobilities.

## About HKUST School of Engineering

The HKUST School of Engineering has a strong international reputation and consistently ranks high among major engineering schools around the world. In the 2015-16 Times Higher Education World University Rankings in Engineering and Technology, HKUST was ranked No.1 in Greater China and No.16 globally. In the QS World University Rankings by Faculty 2015 – Engineering and Technology, HKUST was ranked No.14. The School has a strong network of academic and research collaboration with world-class institutions in the Mainland and overseas.

For more information about the School, please visit [www.seng.ust.hk](http://www.seng.ust.hk).

## About CentraleSupélec

CentraleSupélec is a Public Higher Education Institution, resulting of the merger of the Ecole Centrale Paris and Supélec in January, 2015. Since 2009, the two Schools have continually strengthened their partnerships and collaborations with the aim of encompassing the whole of their activities (engineering education, research and post graduate programs) and confirmed their shared values of excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship, internationalization and leadership. CentraleSupélec it's 4700 students, whose 3 500 are engineer-students, 32% of international students, 525 PhD candidates, 16 Research Departments or teams, 200 partner universities in 45 countries, 140 corporate partners and 35 500 alumni.

CentraleSupélec has 3 offshore implantations in Beijing (China), Hyderabad (India) and Casablanca (Morocco). Today it aims to become a reference in the field of engineering and systems sciences and a leading engineering College in the area of higher education and research. CentraleSupélec is a founding Member of University Paris-Saclay and leads the Ecole Centrale Group.

For more information about CentraleSupélec, please visit [www.centralesupelec.fr/](http://www.centralesupelec.fr/)



At the signing ceremony: (From left, back row) Prof King Lun Yeung, Associate Dean of Engineering (Research & Graduate Studies), HKUST; Dr Eden Woon, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement, HKUST; Mr Eric Berti, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau; Dr Isabelle Saves, Attaché for Scientific & Academic Affairs, Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macau; (from left, front row) Prof Tongxi Yu, Acting Dean of Engineering, HKUST; Prof Marc Zolver, Dean of International Affairs & Partnerships, CentraleSupélec

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