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## Double Degree Program Agreement signed between École Polytechnique and Peking University

**École Polytechnique (l'X) and Peking University (PKU) have signed a Double Degree Program Agreement on March 31, 2015.**

This double degree program agreement will allow students in their third year of Bachelor at the School of Mathematical Sciences of Peking University to take the international admission exam to access École Polytechnique. They will study three years in France before going back to Peking University for their final year of Master's degree. Thus, the selected students will get both a diploma from Peking University in China and from l'X in France. This agreement will also encourage École Polytechnique students to go to Peking University to do their research internship and their year abroad.

Dr. Li Yansong, Vice-President of Peking University, comments: "It is our great pleasure to launch this highly competitive double degree program with École Polytechnique, which sets up a new model of cooperation and offers unique opportunity for students of both sides to achieve the most out of their university experience, and equip them with multi-cultural background. I look forward to welcoming students from École Polytechnique with a particular interest in China and more specifically in Beijing, which is a true hub of innovation and cultural diversity."

Dr. Frank Pacard, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research of École Polytechnique, adds: "I am delighted by this double degree program that further expands the relationship between our two institutions, which offer top-level training in mathematics, both pure and applied, our multidisciplinary approach being complementary to that of the School of Mathematical Sciences of Peking University. This agreement will serve to enhance student mobility and to create a path of excellence between France and China."

This agreement has an initial validity of five years subjected to a renewal at the convenience of both partners.

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**ABOUT ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE** / École Polytechnique is a leading French institute which combines top-level research, academics, and innovation at the cutting-edge of science and technology. Its three types of progressive graduate-level programs – Ingénieur Polytechnicien, 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 30% of students and, 23% of faculty members). École Polytechnique offers an exceptional education to prepare bright men and women to excel in high-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 22 laboratories, 21 of which are joint research units with the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), École Polytechnique Research Center explores the frontiers of interdisciplinary knowledge to provide major contributions to science, technology, and society.

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**ABOUT PEKING UNIVERSITY** / Founded in 1898, Peking University has played an integral role in the development of the Chinese nation and in the development of democracy and scientific understanding in China. The University is alma mater of many exceptional intellectuals who went on to become transformative forces firmly committed to the advancement of knowledge and betterment of society. As a comprehensive university, Peking University has become a center for teaching and research, embracing diverse disciplines ranging from natural sciences, engineering and health care to humanities and social sciences. It is also an ideal place to live and study in every respect. Located in the capital city of Beijing, every year, our rigorous campus welcomes more than 7,000 international students from over 100 countries.

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