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EPFL renews its partnership with Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU)

Xi'an Jiaotong University – a renowned Chinese Institute of Technology - and the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne have signed a framework agreement to facilitate the exchange of researchers and joint research projects. On Monday 23 February 2009, the EPFL welcomed a delegation headed by Prof. WANG Jianhua, the Chairman of this institution.

Xi'an Jiaotong University is EPFL's first Chinese academic partner. Links between both institutes date back to the early 1980s when China had just implemented its "open-door" policy. Current exchanges and collaborations focus on common interests such as material sciences, electrical and power engineering.

Both EPFL and XJTU have decided to renew and strengthen their academic links. This will translate into a significant increase in student exchanges. EPFL students will be offered/given a great opportunity to fulfil part of their curriculum and/or to complete their Master thesis in a renowned partner institution. Cultural immersion is today a major asset towards finding employment on the international market. At present, there are 120 Chinese students registered for EPFL programmes, half of whom are completing a doctorate.

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