### NEWSLETTER



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### Headline

#### News

#### Dean Gu Xinglin Visits France



From April 4th to 8th, Dong Qi, Vice President of Tongji, Gu Xianglin, Dean of College Engineering and Cheng Jin, Assistant Dean led a delegation to visit Mines ParisTech, ENTPE, INSA de Lyon, the Ministry of High Education and Research, the Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development and the Commission of Engineer's Title (CTI) in France. During the Visit, Prof. Gu Xianglin and Dr. Cheng Jin met and discussed with Vice President and representative of Group of Ecoles des Mines (GEM), President of CTI, Department Head of Civil Engineering and Urban Planning, INSA-Lyon, and representatives from other partners.

This visit focused on the Sino-French Joint Education Program under the framework of Tongji's "Excellent Talent Program", the objective is to learn more about French Engineering education system and to ask for the advises of French experts, to identify French partner schools for the chosen majors, to look for the supports of French government and CTI, and also to work on the next step of planning with French partners.

Apr. 4th-8th

#### Workshop on Cooperation between Three Universities in Bridge Area Held in Tongji



On April 7th, Fan Lichu, academician of China National Engineering Research Institute, Gu Xianglin, Dean of College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University (TJU), Huang Hongwei, Vice Dean of College of Civil Engineering, TJU, Li Jianzhong, Vice Dean of College of Civil Engineering, TJU, Prof. Zhang Guozhen, National Taiwan University (NTU), Prof. Lu Liangzheng, NTU, Prof. George Lee, SUNY at Buffalo attended the conference on cooperation between three universities in bridge area.

This conference was mainly about the research on disaster reduction. Professors in these universities had a brief introduce about their study, and hoped to enhance the cooperation in composite disasters. Through this conference, the three universities improved mutual understanding, and signed a cooperation agreement on further research in bridge composite disaster reduction, shaking table test, etc.

Apr. 7th

### First Joint Final Program Launched between Tongji and National Taiwan University



The first group of students from College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University have finished their one-month joint final program with National Taiwan University(NTU). Another 6 students still stay in NTU to finish their design. It is the first joint final program launched between mainland China and Taiwan. In January, 2011, 13 students selected by College of Civil Engineering

joined this program under the framework of Elite Engineer Program. These students are supervised by professors from both Universities and supported by Kwang-Hua Fund for College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University. Prof. Lu Liangzheng, Head of Civil Engineering Department, NTU

are satisfied with these students' excellent performance in NTU.

Apr. **30th** 

#### **Foreign** Affairs

#### Delegation of National Cheng Kung University Visits Tongji



On March 16th, Vice President Dong Qi met with Dean of College of Engineering, National Cheng Kung University and professors from Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Hydraulic and Ocean Engineering, Department of Resources Engineering and Department of Environmental Engineering.

academic research in recent years and discussed how to deepen future cooperation in different fields. Vice Dean Huang Hongwei briefly introduced College of Civil

The two parties reviewed the cooperation of staff, students and

Engineering and discussed with professors from Department of Civil Engineering, National Cheng Kung University about the exchanges of staff and students. Both parties expressed their interests in enhancement of cooperation, such as students and academic exchange, and organization of seminars. After the meeting, they visited the laboratories in the domain of Civil Engineering.

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### Delegation of ESTP Visits CEE



On March 18th, Dean Gu Xianglin met with Mme Florence DARMON, president of ESTP, Mme Marie-Jo GOEDERT, Director of International Affairs, M. Jean-Lou LEBRUN, Director of Research, and M. Yvon VELOT, Asia Director of International Development. Dean Gu Xianglin and Mme Marie-Jo GOEDERT had a brief

introduction of College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University

and ESTP individually. The existing problems and prospect of future development of Double Degree Programs were discussed. Later on, the delegation met with four admitted students of Sino-French Double Degree Program from College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University and visited the laboratories in the domain of Civil Engineering.

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### Representatives of Feng Chia University Visits CEE



On March 31st, Prof. Ming-Jen Cheng and Shue-Ting Lee, representatives from Feng Chia University paid a visit to the College of Civil Engineering for exploring the possibilities of further cooperation. During the conference, both sides discussed the programme details

like study length, credit recognition, summer school, student/teacher

exchange programme, etc. Tongji and Feng Chia established a collaborative relationship ten years ago, when the student exchange programme was launched. President Shi-Shen Chen, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Visits Tongji

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## On April 7th, a delegation led by Prof. Shi-Shen Chen, President



Tongji for enhancing collaboration in civil engineering, design, IT and mechanical engineering. Huang Hongwei, Dean of College of Civil Engineering, briefed on the situations of College of Civil Engineering. Both sides discussed the programme details like study length, credit recognition, summer school, student/teacher exchange programme, During the stay, the delegation had a campus tour at Sino-Finnish Centre and the College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

of National Taiwan University of Science and Technology visited

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Delegation from Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan Visits CEE

On April 19th, a delegation led by Chen Xiazong, Dean of College of Engineering, Chung Yuan Christian University, visited Tongji



University for enhancing collaboration. Huang Hongwei, Vice Dean of College of Civil Engineering, briefed on the situations of College of Civil Engineering in Tongji. After the meeting, professors from Chung Yuan Christian University visited the Bridge Wind Tunnel Laboratory and State Key Laboratory of Disaster Reduction in Civil Engineering companied by Shen Jiajun, Assistant for International Cooperation, College of Civil Engineering.

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### News Prof. Xue Songtao Holds a Lecture on the 3.11 Earthquake in Japan

#### On March 21st, Prof. Xue Songtao from Institute of Structural Engineering and Disaster Reduction held a lecture entitled "Field inspection of Japan Earthquake" in the lecture hall of civil



students. On March 11st, a 9-magnitude earthquake struck Northeast Japan. Prof. Xue who was in Miyagi, Sendai City experienced the earthquake. During the lecture, Prof. Xue introduced the damage of the earthquake and tsunami, the conditions of the shelters, the

engineering building. The lecture attracted almost 300 teachers and

conditions of atomic power plants after the earthquake combining his own experience and feelings. The lecture provided precious and detailed information for the disaster prevention and reduction work of our country and also triggered all the present teachers and students to think about how to act after disasters. Report on International Exchange Programs for Excellent Engineers in the College of Civil Engineering in Tongji University" was held

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In order to help teachers and students in the college of civil engineering understand the "Excellent Engineers Program" and help them to benefit from it, a special report on International Exchange Programs for Excellent Engineers in the College of Civil Engineering in Tongji University" was held by professor Gu Xianglin, Dean of College of Civil Engineering and professor Huang Hongwei, Vice Dean of Civil engineering college, in Room A101 in the building of civil engineering at 3:30 p.m., March 31st, 2011. About 400 students

attended this forum. Dean Gu Xianglin recalled the main characteristics and challenges of College of Civil Engineering during its different stages of development, introduced the international trends in the education of engineers, the concept and basic framework of excellent engineers

training, and the training system for the talented students. Vice Dean Huang Hongwei introduced the working mode of foreign affairs in the College of Civil Engineering, the significance and pattern of the international exchanges, existing double degree

projects ,the Kwang Hua Fund supported international exchange programs and other non-degree exchange programs. The entire report was vivid, interesting and humorous. After the

report, Vice Dean Huang Hongwei answered the students' questions

on the international exchange programs.

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