

Easier Start for Students-to-Be from China

New Selection Office at Beijing Institute of Technology Facilitates Start of Studies at KIT



Zhao Changlu, responsible for international relations at BIT, and KIT President Professor Horst Hippler signed the memorandum of understanding. (Photo: Gabi Zachmann)

More than 600 students from China have enrolled with Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). They make up the largest group of foreign students. Consequently, KIT will establish an own selection procedure at Beijing Institute of Technology (BIT) for very good students who are interested in starting studies at KIT. Today, KIT President Professor Horst Hippler and Zhao Changlu, who is responsible for international relations at BIT, signed the corresponding cooperation agreement in Karlsruhe. The first selection examination will take place in July.

In the past, applicants from China, like all other foreign applicants without a German university entrance certificate, first had to pass a course program of two semesters duration at the Studienkolleg of KIT and an examination. The new selection procedure of KIT in Beijing will facilitate direct start of studies for good students. "The young people can pass the examination in their home country already and do not have to spend a year in Germany before they

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know whether they are admitted to our university or not,” says Christopher Dege from the Studienkolleg.

KIT follows the example of renowned universities from English-speaking countries. Very early and successfully they campaign for young scientists from China. “China has a gigantic pool of excellent students,” says Dr. Michael Große, Head of the Regional Strategy and Information Division of the International Affairs Service Unit of KIT. “They are excellently qualified in mathematics, which is an ideal basis for studying natural sciences or engineering.”

The selection procedure covers written examinations in mathematics, physics, and German, if the students have no German language certificate qualifying them for the studies. In addition, an examination has to be passed in chemistry or informatics. For preparation, the selection office at BIT offers online courses in physics, chemistry, and informatics that may be joined by students-to-be during school time already. In addition, a compact course of four weeks duration is offered directly after the Chinese final school examinations from mid-June to mid-July. The results of the selection examination will then decide on whether the applicant will be admitted directly to studies of the subject desired, provided that places are available, or whether he or she is obliged to participate in courses of the MINT-Kolleg of KIT or is granted a place in the Studienkolleg or will not be accepted at all by KIT.

For participation in preparation courses and the selection examination, fees are charged. The costs of the compact course of four weeks duration and the examination will presumably amount to 5000 to 6000 Renminbi (about EUR 600 to 720). Costs of online courses offered to classes under a framework contract with schools will amount to EUR 100 per participant.

From now on, applications for the selection examination may be submitted directly to the KIT selection office at BIT. Prerequisites for participation are an application to KIT, very good school marks in mathematics and physics, and a final school examination result (gao kao) that is sufficient for admission to a “211 university”, that is, to one of the about 100 leading Chinese universities (national key universities).

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The KIT selection office in Beijing is a joint project of the partner

universities KIT and BIT, the Studienkolleg of KIT, the MINT-Kolleg Baden-Württemberg, and the German Language Center (DSZ) at BIT. The project is supported by the German Rectors' Conference and the Academic Examination Office (APS) in Beijing. Among others, the Goethe Institute in Beijing cooperates.

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