

Monash University To Break New Ground In China

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AsianScientist (Apr. 23, 2012) - Monash University will soon begin enrolling students at its purpose-built graduate school near Shanghai, after becoming the first Australian university to be granted a licence to operate in China.

The landmark partnership with China's Southeast University (SEU) will provide advanced postgraduate education to more than 1400 students, and gives Monash a presence on the ground in one of the world's largest economies.

Following recent endorsement by China's Ministry of Education, the Southeast University-Monash University Joint Graduate School (????-????????) will officially welcome its first students later this year.

Located in Suzhou, near Shanghai, the Graduate School will feature postgraduate courses in a range of disciplines including nanotechnology, biomedicine, environmental science, transportation, industrial design, economics, software, thermal and mechanical engineering.

Students will graduate with degrees from both SEU and Monash.

"This is an exciting development for both Monash and Southeast University," said Professor Ed Byrne, Vice-Chancellor and President of Monash University (photo).

"China has one of the fastest growing economies in the world, with an impressive record of innovation. This makes it an ideal location for a progressive university such as Monash."

The Graduate School will accept 350 masters students and 150 Ph.D. candidates each year, building to a capacity of more than 1400 by 2017.

Ranked among the top 500 universities in the world, SEU is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in China.

Monash is Australia's largest university, with six Australian campuses, international campuses in Malaysia and South Africa, and research centers in India and Italy. It is currently ranked among the top one percent of world universities.

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