

GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Forging Academic Bonds: Collaborative Partnerships in France

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NTU and UGA Student Exchange Agreement renewal signing ceremony. From left to right: Sabine Saurugger, Director for Science Po UGA, UGA President Yassine Lakhnech, NTU President Wen-Chang Chen, and Eirini Sarigiannidou, Vice President for International Affairs at Grenoble INP-UGA.

Last October, President Wen-Chang Chen and Prof. Hsiao-Wei Yuan, Vice President for International Affairs, led a delegation to visit leading institutions in France, including the Institute of Health and Medical Research (CNRS), Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM), and NTU's strategic partner, Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA). President Chen also participated in the Doctor Honoris Causa Ceremony at Université Grenoble Alpes (UGA) and reaffirmed NTU's commitment through the renewal of both the MOU and Student Exchange Agreement with UGA President Yassine Lakhnech.

The signing ceremony was graced by Ambassador Francois Wu, who traveled from Paris, underscoring the importance of this agreement between NTU and its key partner, UGA. The agreement signifies a commitment to ongoing cooperation,



Doctor Honoris Causa Ceremony 2023. From left to right: Prof. Yassine Lakhnech, President of Université Grenoble Alpes, Wen-Chang Chen, President of National Taiwan University, Rédouane Borsali, CNRS Research Director and Director of Carnot Polynat Institut.

with a focus on advancing academic exchanges and research collaborations. This partnership is anticipated to create more opportunities for both institutions to explore various academic fields collaboratively and strengthen connections within the global academic community.

During the delegation's visit to CNRS, their discussions delved into collaborative prospects in biology and chemistry. President Chen and CNRS Dean Antoine Petit officially solidified this collaboration by signing a MOU agreement in Paris, marking the establishment of a formal cooperative relationship between the two institutions. Meanwhile, the International Offices of both sides are holding discussions on an internship program for the upcoming academic year. This initiative is poised to expand internship opportunities and avenues for NTU students, fostering deeper collaboration and cooperation between Taiwan and France.



Gift exchange at CNRS MOU signing ceremony. Antoine Petit, Chairman and CEO of CNRS (left) and Wen-Chang Chen, President of National Taiwan University (right).