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HK-Beijing UST Joint Research Center opens in Nansha

The HK-Beijing UST Joint Research Center is inaugurated today (7 August 2006) at the Nansha IT Park in Guangzhou. The Center is a collaboration between the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and the University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB).

HKUST President Prof Paul Chu and USTB President Prof Xu Jinwu unveiled the plaque and signed the cooperation agreement at the opening ceremony.

"Distinguished scholars and researchers from the two universities will join hands to initiate research, training, information exchange and provide technical services to materials, energy, electronics and petrochemical sectors of the Pearl River Delta area," said Prof Chu.

"USTB will take our most-advanced research projects to Nansha for further development and refinement. This Joint Research Center will definitely strengthen the development of high-tech industries in the region," said Prof Xu.



Prof Paul Chu (right) and Prof Xu Jinwu unveil the plaque

This Joint Research Center is one of the seven research centers in Nansha IT Park. A number of high-impact research programs and postgraduate courses will be launched, covering the areas of Communications, Wireless and IT, Materials, Environment, and Social Sciences. All these efforts will lay the foundation for the long-term development of the future Nansha Graduate School in 2008.

The Nansha IT Park is a collaborative project between the Fok Ying Tung Foundation, the Guangzhou Government and HKUST. Its mission is to foster high-tech industries to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta. The Nansha Graduate School, supported by the HK\$500 million pledge from the Fok Ying Tung Foundation, is a key component of the HKUST Strategic Plan. Its aim is to train top-notch postgraduate students and give HKUST a high-octane impact on the development of science and technology on the mainland.