



Ecole Centrale Paris & Mahindra Group will establish an engineering college in India

(Paris, September 20th, 2013) - **Ecole Centrale Paris**, a 200 year old top French University, College of Engineering, is **very proud to announce the establishment of a world class engineering college in India in collaboration with the Mahindra Group**, precisely Mahindra Educational Institutions, 100% subsidiary of Indian multinational corporation Tech Mahindra.

By creating “**Mahindra École Centrale**” (MEC) a premier Engineering College settled in Hyderabad, state of Andhra Pradesh, Ecole Centrale Paris establishes into India and the Mahindra Group forays into Higher Education (in collaboration Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) Hyderabad, a premier Indian institution with academic and research oriented courses).

Mahindra École Centrale will lead the creation of a world class educational institution that would build leaders, impart quality and Industry ready higher education. Our integrated curriculum will develop students with the unique ability to adapt to global engineering challenges.

Mahindra École Centrale will offer:

- A truly international program with a focus on the sciences
- Environment of unique cultural immersion – of participants, faculty and staff
- International Exchange Program with mandatory internship
- A research driven program with close links to industry
- Inter-disciplinary approach with a blend of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Philosophy

The institution will also be committed to providing world-class infrastructure to support a strong research vision in the thrust areas such as Energy, Environment, Communications, Infrastructure, Transportation, Materials, and Defense.

Vineet Nayyar, Executive Vice Chairman, Tech Mahindra said, “It is a proud moment for us to have launched Mahindra École Centrale. The Mahindra Group enjoys a leadership position in various sectors that it operates in and there is growing need for skilled, industry-ready engineers. The institution will aim to bridge this employability gap addressing the needs of the Indian Industry. We believe that education is the single most powerful intervention for transforming lives and Mahindra École Centrale would lead our effort in this just cause.”

The Institution’s multidisciplinary approach is the guarantee of the program's modernity. Through this institution the students will develop ability to adapt to change, to master the complexity of organizations, and to understand and adapt new technologies that are still in their infancy or as yet unknown.

Hervé Biausser, President, École Centrale Paris said, “École Centrale Paris strongly believes that Higher Education and Research is the key for ensuring a future that is sustainable”. He further added that “École Centrale Paris’ pedagogy, knowledge & experience earned over 200 years will enable us to shape the innovation ecosystem of the next century. École Centrale Paris is proud to be associated with Mahindra for this impactful initiative.”

MEC shall employ national and international faculty who work at the frontiers of academic enquiry and follow the developments of the real world in order to educate students to become experts in their disciplines. More information on this important academic project will be announced in due course of time.

For **Ecole Centrale Paris**, the establishment of this engineering college in India is the next step in its international development strategy. The new school will join the ranks of **Ecole Centrale Beijing** (China) opened in 2005 and **Ecole Centrale Casablanca** (Morocco) which will be inaugurated during summer 2014.

More details have yet to be confirmed. Press conferences will be held later to provide more information on this important academic project.

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About Ecole Centrale Paris

Since its foundation in 1829, Ecole Centrale Paris has followed the same calling: training engineers capable of meeting the greatest challenges of their era. This tradition of excellence is extended throughout Centrale Paris' pedagogical project. Thus, Centrale Paris prepares three dimensional engineers for companies, governments and institutions: high level scientific and technical generalists, experts in initiating and piloting innovative projects and with a strong international culture.

Ecole Centrale Paris is characterized by a highly competitive national entrance exam for French students. It also welcomes 30% of international students, mostly through exchange programs. It is accredited to confer graduate (Engineering and Master Degrees) and post-graduate degrees (PhD). Its curriculum emphasizes close articulation between technical expertise and management skills, combined with a multidisciplinary approach.

Strong link with companies and industry contributes to develop the vocation of students to become entrepreneurs. Eight Company Chairs were created to answer the need for innovation in the development of new skills in leading-edge sectors of activity.

Research at Centrale Paris plays also a major role to contribute to the elaboration of innovative solutions to today's technological and societal challenges and to transfer them to the business world and society as a whole. Over 400 people in 7 research units are everyday involved to this creation of innovation.

Centrale Paris has also been recognized for its international outlook for more than 20 years thanks to a network of 120 partner universities among the best in Europe and in the world. The school exports its model overseas and has established in 2005 the first Centrale engineering school abroad, Ecole Centrale Beijing.

A Grande Ecole

Ecole Centrale Paris is a Grande Ecole. In France, the majority of managers and executives in both industry and commerce are graduates of Grandes Écoles. More than 60% of the presidents and managing directors of the 100 largest French companies are graduates from these Écoles.

The French "ingénieur" that graduates from a Grande École plays an essential role in the research and development of innovative technologies such as the Ariane satellite launcher, the European Airbus, the High Speed Train System (Train à Grande Vitesse -TGV), electro-nuclear power stations, software development, etc. The international scientific community recognizes these engineers in their fields; some are members of the Académie des Sciences. The Grandes Écoles, the leading institutions for educating engineers and managers in France, deliver graduate degrees. The "diplôme d'ingénieur", (equivalent to a Master of Engineering) is accredited by the Commission des Titres d'Ingénieurs, created in 1934.

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A USD 16.2 billion multinational group based in Mumbai, India, Mahindra employs more than 155,000 people in over 100 countries. Mahindra operates in the key industries that drive economic growth, enjoying a leadership position in tractors, utility vehicles, after-market, information technology and vacation ownership. In addition, Mahindra enjoys a strong presence in the agribusiness, aerospace, components, consulting services, defence, energy, financial services, industrial equipment, logistics, real estate, retail, steel, commercial vehicles and two wheeler industries.

In 2012, Mahindra featured on the Forbes Global 2000 list, a listing of the biggest and most powerful listed companies in the world. In 2013, the Mahindra Group received the Financial Times 'Boldness in Business' Award in the 'Emerging Markets' category.

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About JNTU Hyderabad

JNTUH is the premier institution with academic and research-oriented courses, and the B.Tech programs (Undergraduate programs) are about 25. Major branches among them are Aeronautical Engineering, Civil, EEE, Mech, ECE, CSE, Automobile, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Electronics, Electrical, Instrumentation & Control, Metallurgy, Mechanical, Bio-medical, etc.

The Post-Graduate programs offered are M.Tech, MBA, MCA, M.Pharmacy and M.Sc. The major specializations are Bio-Technology, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Remote-Sensing & GIS, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Water Resources, Mechanical Engineering, Nano-Technology, Energy Systems, Environmental Studies, Microbiology, Food-Technology and many more like Management, Computer Applications, and Pharmaceutical Sciences etc