



**Signature of an Agreement for the creation of the  
Ecole Centrale Casablanca  
Royal Palace, Casablanca, Morocco –**

(Châtenay-Malabry, April 4, 2013) – **The Agreement for the creation of the Ecole Centrale Casablanca** was signed on April 3rd, 2013 by **Ms. Geneviève Fioraso**, French Minister for Higher Education and Research, and the **State of Morocco**, represented by the Ministers of Economy and Finance, for Higher Education, for Management Training, for Scientific Research and for Industry, Commerce and New Technologies. **The signing ceremony took place yesterday at the Royal Palace, Casablanca in the presence of His Majesty King Mohamed VI, François Hollande, President of the French Republic and Prof. Hervé Biaußer, Director of Ecole Centrale Paris.**

The Agreement, which is the result of a strategic partnership between Centrale Paris and the Kingdom of Morocco, defines the procedures whereby the **Ecole Centrale Paris and the State of Morocco** assist in the creation, management and development of the **Ecole Centrale Casablanca** engineering school. It determines the basic principles of the School's operation, notably its statutes, missions, governance, financing, pedagogy and the degree. This signature follows the Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of an engineering school in Morocco, signed in February 2009, and its amendment of October 2010.

This project was initiated by Ecole Centrale Paris and the State of Morocco closely with the Centralian community of Moroccan. The **Ecole Centrale Paris** and Morocco enjoy a close relationship; 312 Centralians today work in Morocco and the School has 145 Moroccan students in its engineering course.

The **Ecole Centrale Casablanca** will be developed based on the model of Ecole Centrale Paris, with a specific, appropriate status that allows it to meet the demands and standards of the French Ecoles Centrales. To achieve this, a non-profit foundation will be created - the Ecole Centrale Casablanca Foundation - whose mission is to establish an institution for higher education.

The **Ecole Centrale Casablanca** is a feature of the Moroccan plan for the development of industry, instigated by the 2009-2015 National Pact for Industrial Emergence; it also meets the aims that the **Ecole Centrale Paris** has set for itself to train an increasing number of generalist engineers with a strong international culture and at a high scientific and technical level - future leaders, experts in the initiation and management of innovative projects. The **Ecole Centrale Casablanca** is planned to open in 2014.

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