



IDEA League and ASPIRE

One outcome of the unique Asian-European cooperation between ASPIRE and IDEA League is the opportunity for students of both networks to meet each other. For both sides, this serves as benchmarking, comparing what and how issues are taught within this framework of leading universities of science and technology.

In summer 2014 students from the ASPIRE network are attending two IDEA League summer schools. On 7-11 July "Facing Moral Complexity: Professional Ethics for Architects and Urbanists" by TU Delft explores the complexity of today's societal and environmental challenges and the resulting moral complicity and responsibilities. On 22-26 September "Connected Mobility: Meeting Future Passenger Transportation Challenges - Smart Solutions and Trends" by RWTH Aachen analyzes personal mobility as a key factor of a country's economy.



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IDEA League was represented at the student workshop of the ASPIRE Forum on "New Materials" at Tsinghua University on 7-11 July 2014, where the Asian partner universities exchanged their ideas about joint activities in research and discussed the possibilities for collaborations. The student workshop had a focus on future developments and involved lab visits at Tsinghua University and at their co-operations with Chinese companies. The forum finished with presentations on possible future "hot topics" prepared by the international and interdisciplinary teams of students.

In 2009 the Asian Science and Technology Pioneering Institutes of Research and Education (ASPIRE) was founded with five leading universities of science and technology: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Nanyang Technological University, Tsinghua University and Tokyo Institute of Technology. Close cooperation with the IDEA League was an objective of the ASPIRE network formalized from the outset in a Memorandum of Understanding. The two networks share common interests in pursuing research and educational excellence.

