



Outstanding Students from LDCs Successfully Sail into International Design Education Program at Zhejiang University - Admission

Press release

19 August 2021, Gebze – The selection process for successful applicants under the International Design Education (IDE) scholarship programme, an initiative jointly organized by the UN Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries, World Eco-Design Conference (WEDC), and the International School of Design at Zhejiang University (ZJU-ISD), Ningbo to support students from least developed countries (LDCs) has been completed.

Overall, the Zhejiang University received 83 applications from 16 LDCs including, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Comoros, Ethiopia, Guinea, Lesotho, Mali, Nepal, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Yemen, and Zambia. 15.6% of the applicants were from female applicants.

After a comprehensive review, 36 students (7 females) were awarded full scholarship and will join the IDE program at the ZJU-ISD this September.

The IDE program course offers potential for LDCs to drive innovation, problem-solving capacity and economic growth potential and will support attainment of the SDGs.

“Eco-design provides an opportunity for LDCs to combine innovation, design and sustainable production models using minimal resources that are environmentally friendly and promote sustainable development. This is the first cohort of students towards enhancing eco-design in LDCs through this partnership,” said Joshua Setipa, Managing Director of the UN Technology Bank.

The UN Technology Bank, the WEDC, and the ZJU-ISD will continue to widen the coverage of the IDE program to offer opportunities to more students. The three parties seek to collaborate with various universities and research institutions globally to build an international design education network that promotes the integration of industry and education to expand the innovative development of the design industry.

The admission plan for the next International Design Education program is scheduled for early February 2022.

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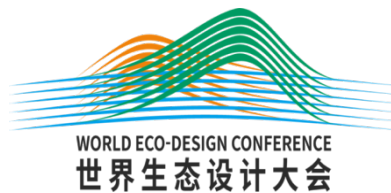
About UN Technology Bank

The United Nations Technology Bank (UNTB) for Least Developed Countries is a global organization dedicated to enhancing the contribution of science, technology and innovation for sustainable development in the world's least developed countries. LDCs are low-income countries confronting severe structural impediments to sustainable development. They are highly vulnerable to economic and environmental shocks and have low levels of human assets.

The UN Technology Bank supports national and regional technological efforts, reinforces partnerships across sectors and helps nations identify and use appropriate technologies to transform their economies and improve livelihoods.

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About World Eco-Design Conference

The WEDC is an industrial, academic and world-wide non-profit social organization, which aims to promote the integration and sustainable development of design, ecology and society on a global scale, by strengthening exchanges and cooperation on ecological design among countries and regions.

Website: www.wedc2018.com



About Zhejiang University

Zhejiang University is ranked among China's leading Universities for both the quantity and quality of its master's degree programs. Several hundred academic majors are established in colleges and departments affiliated to seven faculties of science, engineering, agriculture, medicine, information technology, humanities and social sciences. Zhejiang University, Ningbo was jointly built by Zhejiang University and the Ningbo Municipal People's Government on August 1st, 2018. As a directly affiliated institution of ZJU, Zhejiang University, Ningbo strives to create a high-level, research-oriented, international campus that integrates research and technology transfer, relying on Zhejiang University's high-quality educational resources.

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