

scholars and teachers and make China a more attractive destination for European students. In this way, China's higher education will become more international, and the status, competitiveness and influence of Chinese universities can all be enhanced.

Admittedly, one of the reasons why Europe promotes this project in the world is that it wants to expand the influence of EU higher education and popularize the EU criteria. But our experts believe that as China's higher education is becoming more and more international, many universities and colleges have already attained the capability of learning and using foreign criteria according to our national status and their own needs. Therefore, this project will play a beneficial role in the curricular reform of China's higher education as long as it is appropriately guided.

### 1.3 Profile

The China-Europe Civil Engineering Joint Tuning Project was formally initiated at the "China-Europe Civil Engineering Joint Tuning Project Seminar" in Xi'an with Tongji University as the initiator and Huang Hongwei, a "Cheung Kong Scholar" Chair Professor in the College of Civil Engineering, Tongji University, as the chief expert.

Four universities with strengths in civil engineering are invited to join this project, including Chongqing University, Harbin Institute of Technology, Tsinghua University and Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology. The expert panel consists of Prof. Huang Hongwei, a geotechnical engineering expert and Deputy Dean of College of Civil Engineering of Tongji University, Prof. Li Zhengliang, a structural engineering expert and Deputy Dean of College of Civil Engineering of Chongqing University, Prof. LU Dagang, Deputy Dean of College of Civil Engineering of Harbin Institute of Technology, Prof. Ma Zhiliang, an expert in civil engineering information technology and the deputy party secretary of School of Civil and Water Conservancy of Tsinghua University, Prof. Shi Qingxuan, a structural engineering expert and deputy dean of Civil Engineering College of Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, and Prof. Ye Weimin, a geological engineering expert and the deputy director of the Department of Teaching Affairs. Doctor Zhao Cheng of Tongji University is responsible for technology related affairs of this project, and the project research team is constituted by Feng Peng, an associate professor from Tsinghua University, Chen Jian, an associate professor from Harbin Institute of Technology, associate professor Zhu Lihua, Dr. Ren Rui, from Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, Zhang Xiangrong from the Office of Foreign Affairs of Tongji University, Su Xiaojun from the Office of Quality Control of Tongji University, Wangwan and Shen Jiajun from College of Civil Engineering of Tongji University.

Two expert meetings have been held during this project. Based on periodical seminars, the Chinese panel has made the following timetable.

Stage 1: Mar. 25 to Apr. 20, Deciding analysis indicator, including both generic and professional competence indicators

Before Apr. 1, Tongji University drawing the indicator framework; from Apr. 1 on, collecting suggestions of other Chinese universities and European counterparts; from Apr. 8 to Apr. 20, setting up the indicator framework.

Stage 2: Apr. 25 to May 1, Studying in Europe; visiting Spain, Netherland and Brussle; discussing with European experts on the execution of the project.

Stage 3: May. 2 to May 20, Combining European experts' suggestions to Chinese ones and deciding analysis indicators and translation (including both generic and professional competence);