



## Invitation

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear partners, alumni and colleagues of Tongji University,

On behalf of Tongji University I would like to invite you to the following workshop:

**Ready for Industry 4.0?**  
**Sino-German Strategy Workshop on Industrial Innovation and Education Reform.**  
**March 27th, 2015, 1:30pm – 5:30pm**  
**Tongji University, Siping Lu 1239, Sino-French Center**

The concept of Industry 4.0 describes a key trend in industrial innovation and development, and is also one of the main fields in the cooperation between China and Germany. At Tongji University first steps have been taken to meet the requirements of Industry 4.0: An interdisciplinary working team on topics related to Industry 4.0 has been set up. Furthermore, a Smart Factory Laboratory at the Sino-German College of Applied Sciences (CDHAW) has been established and developed in close cooperation with enterprises.

Due to changing industrial environments, there are increasing challenges for manufacturers to exactly match the requirements of different customers. Adapting to these changing conditions enterprises will have to find new solutions in the field of system engineering, manufacturing technology, and business system etc. Engineering education is a direct linkage between higher education and industry. It is the task for the university to prepare future engineers for the industry. A continuous discussion and communication between enterprises and universities is definitely necessary, and this workshop is an important step for this purpose.

The Sino-German workshop at Tongji University will bring together leading experts and high ranking speakers of both countries governments, enterprises (e. g. Phoenix Contact, SAP, Siemens, Zeiss) and academics to present and discuss core elements of Industry 4.0.

The schedule for the workshop will be sent to you during the next days. We are very much looking forward to meeting you at this conference!

Yours sincerely,

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