

## PRESS RELEASE

### Marie de Boni new Director of ParisTech Asia!



**September 9, 2021 - Marie de Boni takes up her position on September 10, 2021 and succeeds Laura Villette to represent ParisTech in Asia. Based in Shanghai, she supports and develops for all Asia joint projects of ParisTech schools and accompanies also the schools in their bilateral relationships with Asian partners.**

Very enthusiastic, Marie decided to join the ParisTech network to promote the seven member schools and to promote the French engineering training in the world. « These schools are gathered around common values that I am particularly sensitive to. Moreover, my position in the network allows me to mix two professional competences, engineering and teaching, with the richness of international openness. »

**Her main objectives are to :**

- Develop attractive partnerships with universities and institutions which reflect both Asia's ambitions and the standards of excellence which are characteristic of French schools, particularly in the frame of the openness of the ParisTech International Admission Program to other countries and regions than Mainland China in the area ;

- Consolidate the network and raise the profile of ParisTech within local networks (trade associations, networks of Asian graduates returning from overseas, etc.) ;
- Reinforce partnerships with French companies operating in Asia and also with international companies in order to fulfil Asia's specific training requirements.

### **A rich Franco-Asian journey**

After a scientific secondary education, Marie studied at Ecole normale supérieure where she graduated in biology (« magistère »). After this master in molecular biology, she wanted to work in the industry; therefore she entered AgroParisTech. She obtained a « diplôme d'ingénieur » (MSc in engineering) and first worked at Danone France in the Quality and Food Safety Unit for Biscuits. She worked for five years in agribusiness securing the raw materials supply chain or quality in the project management for new products. Then she began a second career as a teacher in Japan. She taught mathematics, life and earth sciences as well as physics in the French high schools in Tokyo, Shanghai and Mumbai, and last but not least in a Chinese public high school in Shanghai.

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**The ParisTech graduate schools have been active in China for 20 years** via partnerships with academic institutions, companies and other organisations, the ParisTech International Admission Program, three Franco-Chinese institutes (in Wuhan, Shanghai and Beijing) and special programmes for PhD candidates. The year 2021 marks a new step as far as ParisTech opens its International Admission Program to individual candidates in new regions and countries in Asia: Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam. ParisTech schools will diversify the profile of the international students admitted in the engineering curriculum and promote the French « diplôme d'ingénieur » to a new audience.

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