

SIN China Launches Space Science in Schools

SIN China enabled the UK's National Space Academy to agree a new ten year Sino-UK Science Education and Research Collaboration, potentially worth £200k annually.



China recognises the need to adapt its education system to enable innovation to flourish in its universities and enterprises, so that it can build capability to drive their new model of economic growth. SIN China spotted the opportunity for the UK National Space Academy to help meet the need in China to develop innovative teaching at a young age, in schools.

SIN China facilitated a visit to China by the UK's National Space Academy in March 2016, to launch a new programme of teacher training. The National Space Academy uses innovative teaching methods and materials developed from space science to inspire young people to engage in science subjects at school. They ran a series of demonstration masterclasses in Beijing and Shanghai, reaching teachers and students from 21 provinces, and generating an appetite for a substantive commercial programme of training over the coming years.



The project was supported by FCO's Prosperity Fund, and took advantage of SIN China's longstanding contacts across China's space sector. The National Space Academy now plans to roll out the programme on an expanded basis during 2016-17, and will offer it as a commercial service from 2017 (with likely income around £200,000 per year for the organisation). This project will not only provide commercial wins for the UK but, it will also raise the profile of the UK's space sector and in the longer term, the project will produce a generation of innovative thinkers in China ready to partner with us on science and innovation.

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