

Zhejiang University

In September 1998, a new Zhejiang University was established on the basis of the amalgamation of the four former individual universities, namely Zhejiang University, Hangzhou University, Zhejiang Agricultural University and Zhejiang Medical University, which were all located in the garden city of Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang Province. Approved by the State Council, the founding of the new Zhejiang University has been a significant move in the reform and development of China's higher education. The four universities have grown out of the same ancestry, the Qiushi (with the literal meaning of "seeking truth" in Chinese) Academy, which was founded in 1897 as one of the earliest institutions of higher learning in China. In history, Zhejiang University was reputed as "the East Cambridge" in 1936. It has always been ranked among the few top universities in China in terms of its comprehensive academic strength showed in teaching, research and social service. Zhejiang University is under the direct administration of the Ministry of Education of P. R. China and it is one of the first group universities listed in the national "211 Project" and "985 Project".

The new Zhejiang University is a key comprehensive university whose fields of study cover eleven branches of learning, namely philosophy, literature, history, education, science, economics, law, management, engineering, agriculture and medicine. The university now has 115 specialties for undergraduate studies, and it is entitled to confer masters' degrees in 312 programs and doctoral degrees in 237 programs. Under its administration there are 13 Nation Key Laboratories, 2 National Engineering Research Centers and 3 National Engineering Technology Centers. Besides, it has set up 24 nation key specialties and 39 post-doctor stations.

Endowed with a pleasant climate, picturesque surroundings and a favorable academic atmosphere, Zhejiang University is an ideal place for teaching, research, and learning. With six campuses, namely Yuquan, Xixi, Huajiachi, Hubin, Zhijiang, and Zijingang, the university now occupies a total area of 533 hectares and a floor space of over 2,000,000 square meters. At present, the total number of full time students has reached over 40,000, including more than 23,600 undergraduates, over 9,300 postgraduates working for master's degrees, over 6,200 Ph.D. candidates and 1400 foreign students. There are also nearly 37,000 students taking courses in degree and non-degree programs in adult education. Among its 8,400 staff members and workers, there are 14 members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, 9 members of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, over 1,200 full professors and over 2,400 associate professors. With a total space of 83,000 square meters, the university library has a collection of more than 6,390,000 volumes.

Now, the university is taking full advantage of the opportunities brought by the amalgamation, and will continue to give priority to education and research. It seeks to offer service to the nation's economic development, and to make every effort to build itself into an institution on a par with the first-class university in the world.

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