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International graduands celebrated in ceremonies across China

The University of Tasmania will celebrate the achievements of more than 400 international students set to graduate in ceremonies across China in the coming days.

The first ceremony will be held tomorrow (Saturday, July 4) at the Pinfeng Campus of the Zhejiang University of Technology in Hangzhou, where 77 students will receive their Bachelor of Computing degree.

The degree program is jointly hosted by the University of Tasmania and the Zhejiang University of Technology (ZUT).

On Wednesday (July 8), 356 students will attend the graduation ceremony for the combined ALEN Institute, Shanghai Ocean University (AIEN SOU) and University of Tasmania program.

Students will receive degrees in Bachelor of Information Systems and Bachelor of Management, and Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Management.

This year - the University's 125th - marks the 10th year of graduations from this partnership.

The China graduations will be officiated by University Chancellor Michael Field AC.

University Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Rathjen congratulated all students graduating in ceremonies this week.

"All your hard work, dedication and commitment is honoured and celebrated in these ceremonies," he said.

Professor Rathjen said the ongoing success of program partnerships with institutes in China demonstrates the University's reputation in excellence across teaching and research.

"The University's strength in various partnerships in China is crucial to Tasmania, both socially, culturally and economically," he said.

"Our Alumni association has a strong membership in China, with more than 4350 graduating through our programs since 2002.

“Our graduates are global citizens. They go on to live and work in a variety of fields internationally, either through employment opportunities or higher research avenues.” University Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor International Professor Mike Calford said the institution was focused on creating new friendships in China as well as building on ties which were deep and enduring.

“These graduations reflect a strength in relations with our partner institutions in China at the same time as we are seeing positive growth in the number of international students choosing Tasmania as a destination to study,” Professor Calford said.

“The University has committed to strengthen its outlook in the region through other important initiatives such as the creation of the Asia Institute Tasmania.

“Through these things, we foster a heightened understanding of Asia, our place within the region and relationship with it.

“We believe this serves to both enhance and enrich our own society.”

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