



LI KA SHING FOUNDATION

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About STU

Shantou University (STU) was co-developed by the Ministry of Education, the People's Government of the Guangdong Province, and the Li Ka Shing Foundation. The University is dedicated to driving educational reform, being in the unique position where it is a public university that receives support from a private foundation—the Li Ka Shing Foundation.

A comprehensive educational reform has been explored in the curriculum, teaching, resource management and personnel system. Most of the reforms driven by the University have been supported and promoted by the nation, with Li Lanqing, the prominent Chinese politician and author of *Education for 1.3 Billion: On 10 Years of Education Reform and Development*, praising STU as “the pilot site for higher educational reform in China.”

Since its inception, Shantou University has received generous support from The Li Ka Shing Foundation, which has committed a total of HK\$6 billion to support the University (including the Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business), of this commitment HK\$4.5 billion has already been donated as of 2013.

STU has established a comprehensive system of undergraduates, graduates, and doctors. There are 5,113 faculty members and medical workers, as well as 9,448 full-time students in STU. To date, STU has cultivated more than 70,000 talents in various fields.

The different colleges at STU are as follows: College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, College of Engineering, Medical College, Law School, Business School, Cheung Kong School of Art and Design, Cheung Kong School of Journalism and Communication, Graduate School, School of Continuing Education, and Veritas College. STU enrolls undergraduates, graduates, and doctors across the country (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan).

Under the auspices of the Li Ka Shing Foundation, the University has conducted international academic exchanges and collaborations, inviting world-class and well-known scholars to give lectures to the students. Earlier this year, STU played host to the second Project Prometheus, an event that intends to build a platform for students to interact with top scientists through group discussions. The University has established a close relationship with almost 20 international universities from such countries as USA, UK, France, Japan, Russia, Australia and Germany. Exchange programs for graduate and postgraduate students are also offered.

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Key facts*:

- STU is the cornerstone project of the Foundation and a platform to instigate reforms in the higher education sector in China
- STU is located in the northwestern area of Shantou, a seaside city, with its campus covering a total area of 1.28 sq.km. and a total floor space comprising 448,400 sq.m.
- STU was founded in 1981, started enrolling freshmen in 1983
- In 2012, STU graduate employment stood at 98.51%
- STU has 9 Schools and Colleges – from science and engineering to journalism and art
- To date, STU has produced more than 98,400 graduates, including 35,000 medical school graduates
- “Aspiration, Knowledge, Perseverance, Achievement” is the University’s motto

*all information correct as of 31st December 2012