

News Release

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BASF and Harbin Institute of Technology signed a cooperation agreement for sustainable infrastructure solutions

■ New collaboration under BASF's Network for Asian Open Research (NAO)

Shanghai, China – May 20, 2020 – BASF today signed a cooperation agreement with the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) to jointly conduct research relating to the material solutions for sustainable infrastructure applications.

“The Harbin Institute of Technology is eager to bring its expertise in advanced materials and engineering research to this promising partnership. By joining forces with BASF and building up integrated innovations in key industries, we are ideally positioned to support China’s future economic development with eco-friendly infrastructure solutions,” said Mr. Liu Hong, Vice President, Harbin Institute of Technology.

According to the agreement, research teams from BASF and the Harbin Institute of Technology will work together on the testing of new applications for BASF’s advanced materials to bring lower emissions and energy costs to the construction industry.

“As an innovation-driven company, BASF is committed to developing next-generation applications for sustainable infrastructure in China,” said Dr. Jeffrey Lou, President, Advanced Materials & Systems Research, BASF. “By leveraging BASF’s expertise in advanced materials and HIT’s competency in infrastructure, we are entering a win-win cooperation to innovate for a sustainable future in China.”

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The signing is the latest step for BASF in expanding its local research network with prestigious universities across China. BASF is closely collaborating with top universities and institutes across Asia Pacific, leveraging the platform Network for Asian Open Research (NAO). Since its establishment in March 2014, BASF and its partners have completed more than 43 joint research projects, with 11 postdoctoral students joining BASF after the projects' completion. Currently, NAO projects cover research areas such as new monomers, polymers & application, surfaces and interfaces, coatings, catalysis, battery, chemical & process engineering, insecticides, as well as digitalization & smart manufacturing in Research & Development.

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