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Vestas Technology R&D launches a Global University Programme

Vestas sponsors a global university programme promoting greater cooperation with leading universities worldwide.

Through the coming years, Vestas Technology R&D will sponsor an increasing number of professors, PhDs, and master's thesis students from leading universities worldwide as part of this programme.

The purpose of the Global University Programme is to expand Vestas' cooperation with universities and thus accelerate its global innovative wind power research. Thereby, Vestas strives to obtain the most recent knowledge within wind power technology and the most qualified manpower in the future.

Vestas Technology R&D, the wind industry's largest research and development unit, is experiencing a rapid growth. In addition to the expansion of the Technology Research Centre's headquarters in Denmark, Vestas Technology R&D is also expanding internationally. Vestas has already research centres located in Singapore, India, UK and Germany, and in 2009, a new research centre will be established in the USA.

It is Vestas' experience that independent university wind power research can positively contribute to Vestas' development of highly innovative new wind power solutions. Finn Strøm Madsen, President of Vestas Technology R&D, says: *"Increased cooperation with universities worldwide is a natural consequence of our growth. We are highly interested in working closely with leading researchers worldwide in order to ensure that we maintain our position as the leading supplier of wind energy solutions and reinforce the recruitment of the brightest students from these universities."*

Vestas is currently cooperating with several universities worldwide, including the Technical University of Denmark/RISOE and Aalborg University in Denmark, Cambridge University and Imperial College London in the UK, Delft University of Technology in Holland, Tsinghua University in China and Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

For the last decades, Vestas Technology R&D has worked closely together with Danish universities, which have some of the world's leading wind power research groups. Frede Blaabjerg, Dean, Aalborg University, says: *"Cooperation with the business sector enables us to work with relevant issues that can be used in practice. Together with Vestas Technology R&D, we are able to develop the best high-tech wind power solutions of the future."*

Following Vestas Technology R&D's international expansion, the company is continuously developing new cooperation agreements with international university partners. As an example, Vestas has recently started to work with the School of Materials Science and Engineering of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore.

Professor Freddy Boey Yin Chiang, Dean, NTU, says: "*Vestas is a world leader in wind energy solutions and we are glad they have found it compelling to work with NTU, leveraging on NTU's strong research competencies in clean energy technology. Certainly, NTU is proud to be associated with a global player like Vestas, and we believe our partnership will provide timely technological solutions to today's urgent energy needs.*"

The Global University Programme will sponsor professors, PhDs and master's thesis students from leading universities worldwide that Vestas wants to initiate and develop cooperation with. The programme will also intensify Vestas' cooperation with the already existing university partners.

Global calls for applications under Vestas Technology R&D's Global University Programme can be found at www.vestas.com / Jobs / Education and research / Global University Programme.

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Wind power is a renewable, predictable and clean energy resource. It has a fast ramp-up and offers the energy independence demanded by some of world's largest and fastest growing economies. This is why Vestas calls wind power Modern Energy.

With a 23 per cent market share in 2007, Vestas is the world leader in delivering Modern Energy. Vestas has already installed over 35,000 wind turbines in 63 countries on five continents and it is installing a new turbine every four hours. In 2007, Vestas turbines generated more than 60 million MWh – or enough electricity to supply millions of households. During the last 25 years, Vestas has improved the output of its turbines 100 times and is still continuously improving turbine effectiveness. This is why Vestas is No.1 in Modern Energy.