

## HISTORY

The path that has brought to this successful outcome is composed by different steps that in these years led to a greater awareness of the importance of this project. Since 1994 the University of Pavia, IUSS (Institute for Advanced Studies) and Tongji University of Shanghai have cooperated in "The International Design Seminar – Urban Culture and Landscape Renewal" in the fields of Building Engineering – Architecture and in "The Urban Planning".

In 2005 the Minister of Education, University and Research of the Republic of Italy and the Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China signed in Beijing an Agreement which established the creation of the Chinese-Italian Joint Campus; as a result the Rector of the University of Pavia, the Director of IUSS and the President of Tongji University of Shanghai signed the Declaration of Intent for developing joint initiatives in the area of Higher Education.

In 2009 the Italian Chinese Curriculum as part of the Master Program in Building Engineering and Architecture has been activated.

The lessons are organized in Pavia, at the Faculty of Engineering. The scheduled didactic activity included the participation in the Urban Design Seminar in Shanghai, held in June 2010 and October 2010.

The Italian Chinese Curriculum is an innovative academic experience created amid the Master Program Course in Building Engineering and Architecture, thanks to the well-established collaboration between University of Pavia (Italy) and Tongji University of Shanghai (China).

The five-year Master Degree Course in Building Engineering and Architecture has been established in 1998, in order to match architectural and engineering skills, qualifying for both professions in all European countries.

The two-year long curriculum is set in Pavia, held by an academic team of both Italian teachers and visiting professors from China, and is conducted entirely in English.

On the basis of the Agreement between the two countries, the title awarded is recognized in all the UE countries and Republic of China.