



ABOUT THE GUANGDONG TECHNION ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Announced in September 2013, the **Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology (GTIIT)** is a joint venture between the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and Shantou University (STU) to build a new academic facility in Guangdong Province. GTIIT is **a bold indicator of the increased global reach and stature** of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Construction of the GTIIT campus began on December 16, 2015. On hand at the groundbreaking ceremony were **former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres**; Hong Kong **business leader and philanthropist Li Ka-shing**; **Technion President Peretz Lavie**; **Technion Distinguished Professor and Nobel laureate Aaron Ciechanover**; and **Ofir Akunis, Israel's Minister of Science, Technology, and Space**.

The Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology – sponsored by the Li Ka Shing Foundation (LKSF) with a \$130 million grant – represents unprecedented cooperation between the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Shantou Municipal Government, Technion, and STU.

The \$130 million grant from LKSF is the largest ever to the Technion, and one of the most generous in the history of Israeli higher education. It will be allocated for strengthening the Technion's home campus in Haifa, for the benefit of its students and researchers, and to enable the Technion to fulfill its leading role in GTIIT.

Guangdong Province and the Shantou municipality set aside **\$147 million to fund construction and initial GTIIT operations**. They also provided land for the million-square-foot campus next to STU.

Li Ka-shing has a history of investing in Israel, including a reported \$30 million stake in Waze, an Israeli GPS technology firm. When Waze was sold to Google, Li Ka-shing earmarked his profits toward his \$130 million gift to the Technion.

GTIIT is creating a new academic facility and **a new era of cooperative research between Israel and China** in science, engineering and the life sciences. GTIIT will provide guidance on creating a top-notch technical institute, and a dose of Israeli-style entrepreneurship.

An industrial park planned for the GTIIT campus will serve as a foothold for Israeli companies to crack key markets in the U.S. and China.

GTIIT provides the Technion with an increased ability to attract the top doctoral and post-doc students who see their future in China, and who would otherwise not have considered the Technion without its physical presence there.

Cast and curriculum for GTIIT is now being assembled, in a 10-year plan. Three undergraduate degree programs, 1150 undergraduates and 350 post-graduate students, and about 70 faculty.

Prof. Li Jiange is the Chancellor of the GTIIT. Nobel Laureate and **Technion Distinguished Professor Aaron Ciechanover** is the Vice Chancellor of the GTIIT.

The GTIIT campus was **officially inaugurated on December 18, 2017**. The inauguration took place just two years after the groundbreaking ceremony, which was held in December 2015

Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology (GTIIT) **currently covers 100,000 square meters** and includes 13 buildings, 29 classrooms, 14 teaching laboratories and 55 research laboratories. Six buildings serve as dormitories for students and faculty.

In the future, the GTIIT will also include academic faculties in Science, Engineering and Life Sciences. **The GTIIT will grow in terms of its area and the number of students and faculty, but in order to maintain the high level of instruction this growth will be accomplished gradually.** In 2036, the Institutes student population is expected to be around 5,000, including around 1,000 graduate and doctoral students. The area of the Institute will also grow accordingly, from its current area of 100,000 square meters to 400,000 square meters.

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