

## NTU, Tsinghua and Peking universities in cooperation pact

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National Taiwan University (NTU) signed an agreement yesterday with China's Peking University and Tsinghua University that aims to promote student and faculty exchanges to nurture talent on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

The pact was signed by NTU College of Sciences dean Chang Ching-ray (張慶瑞), Peking University dean of physics Xie Xincheng (謝心澄) and Tsinghua School of Sciences dean Xue Qikun (薛其坤).

"We want to have more talent and research exchanges through such a pact, including teaching and experimenting. We hope to create a summer program for students so that the best students from both sides can brainstorm and be inspired to seek further growth," Chang said.

The three universities plan to offer short-term courses in summer or winter vacations, Xie said.

In addition, the universities are considering exchanges of professors to help students conduct scientific experiments throughout the school year, Xie said.

As part of the short-term programs, Xue said renowned professors from all universities would be invited to lecture, initially at the graduate schools, then at the universities themselves, with the location of the lectures being rotated between the three universities.

"The plan will begin next summer at the earliest," Xue said.

He added that the best students in Taiwan usually prefer to study in the departments of electrical engineering and medicine, while the best students in China usually choose to study sciences.

He said that these days, students consider how much money they can earn after graduating from a certain department, but such a consideration should not be overstressed.

He expressed the hope that through such exchanges, more students would be encouraged to study science.