



## Press Release

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### **Blossoming Auto Industry University Links with China**

AutoCRC (Cooperative Research Centre for Advanced Automotive Technology) has expanded its blossoming relationships with key university automotive centres of excellence in China.

AutoCRC says two new agreements follow a milestone first agreement with Hefei University of Technology earlier this year.

The latest joint successes in conjunction with La Trobe University are as a result of a Victorian Government funded Automotive Mission to China in May supported by Ms Jacinta Allen the Victorian Minister for Industry and Trade.

AutoCRC Chief Executive Dr Matthew Cuthbertson says, "The MOUs have been signed with Tongji University (Shanghai) and Tsinghua University (Beijing) by AutoCRC and Professor Tim Brown of La Trobe University.

"These follow our announcement earlier this year that AutoCRC had joined Swinburne and Deakin Universities in collaborative automotive research agreements for nine automotive technology development projects with Hefei University of Technology," Dr Cuthberston said.

"Tongji and Tsinghua universities are both leading Chinese universities with strong histories of quality research and development in automotive engineering and related disciplines."

Dr Cuthbertson says that the latest agreements will see a range of research targeting innovations in areas such as:

- ◆ Vehicle to vehicle communications
- ◆ Vehicle to infrastructure communications
- ◆ Security of vehicle network communications
- ◆ Safety of vehicle network communications

"The agreements also provide for a visiting scholars program enabling staff and students to travel between Australia and China to participate in the collaborative research program.

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Close relationships with Hefei, Tongji and Tsinghua Universities will assist the development of links with Chinese companies many of which have close associations with research institutions.

Dr Cuthbertson says, “A key overall aim of the China collaborative agreements is to attract involvement and support from both Australian and Chinese automotive companies”.

The latest agreements follow a drive by AutoCRC and university partners, LaTrobe, Deakin and Swinburne to cement relationships in China.

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