

## Guangdong Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (GTIIT)

Guangdong Technion Israel Institute of Technology (GTIIT) is a research university and independent legal entity jointly established by Shantou University (STU) and Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (Technion). On April 9, 2015, the Ministry of Education officially approved the preparation for the establishment of GTIIT.

GTIIT will strive for a research-based institution of higher learning with internationally recognized excellence in education, research and innovation. It will introduce Technion's quality educational resources for facilitating educational innovation and nurturing outstanding engineers and technological talents who are with innovation ability, global vision and humanistic quality. It will also be engaged in creating and applying new knowledge and technologies for promoting the economic and social development of China. As planned, GTIIT will offer ten academic programs in the fields of engineering, science and life science. Its planned student population will reach 5,060 students.

The preparation work for GTIIT's establishment has been fully supported by both Guangdong and Shantou governments, as well as the Li Ka Shing Foundation (LKSF). LKSF donated USD 130 million to Technion as a catalyst for encouraging Technion to cooperate with STU in establishing GTIIT in Shantou. The Guangdong and Shantou governments have promised to provide a capital grant of RMB900 million in support of GTIIT's initial operation and to allocate a parcel of land for building the GTIIT campus in the area of approximately 623.45 mu. Shantou government is responsible for developing GTIIT's campus and will transfer it to GTIIT for use upon completion. The construction work for the first-phase campus (northern campus with a net land area of 102.85 mu) is scheduled to be completed in 2016, while the construction work for the second-phase campus (southern campus with a net land area of 520.6 mu) is scheduled to be completed



in 2018.

Under the great support of the Li Ka Shing Foundation, STU launched a project to renovate its former administration building in support of GTIIT's preparation and its temporary teaching activities, which was completed in July, 2015.

Currently, efforts are being made to speed up the preparation of GTIIT. It is expected to be officially established and start recruiting students in 2016.