

Interview Questions at Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony at Université de Lorraine

Q1) How are you related to the University of Lorraine and particularly the Process Engineering and Reactions Laboratory (LRGP)?

In 2015, my research team at Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT), together with Professor Guo-Hua Hu, applied the Hubert Curien - Cai Yuanpei Program. We co-supervised one doctoral student within this program and sponsored reciprocal visits of researchers. In 2019 Dr. Laurent Falk of LRGP and Professor Hu visited BUCT and signed a memorandum of understanding for a joint PhD program. This program started in 2021 and 4 PhD students are enrolled. They are working on polymer process engineering and bio-based polymers.

Q2) What does the title of Université de Lorraine's honorary doctorate mean to you?

I know that this is one of the most prestigious titles a distinguished foreign scholar can receive from a French university. It means a lot to me. It is not only a very special and important honor for me, but also recognition of both my academic achievements and the cooperation between our two universities. We have been working closely for many years. I cherish the partnership with the University of Lorraine.

This honor means responsibility and motivation. It encourages me to promote even closer exchange and cooperation between our two universities, to contribute to the friendship between our two countries.

Q3) What are your cooperation plans with Université de Lorraine, particularly LRGP?

I would very much like to reinforce the partnership between the Université de Lorraine

and BUCT as well as South China University of Technology (SCUT), including but not limited to: short-term mutual visits among teachers and students, joint programs for both undergraduate and graduate students. I will deepen the cooperation with LRGP and will explore possibilities of collaborating with other laboratories of the University of Lorraine on issues of mutual interest, such as science related to the development of a low-carbon, green, healthy and safe world. Let us work together for a sustainable world and a closer relationship between our two countries.