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Rotterdam (Netherlands) - August 28, 2009: The first three students from the medical faculty of Zhongshan Hospital Fudan University in Shanghai graduated from Erasmus University Rotterdam's Erasmus MC as Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology. The three – Qian Gu, Ningping Zhang and Yuanzhi Yuan – are the first three graduates from Fudan's medical faculty to mark the joint-venture agreement signed by Erasmus and Fudan Universities in 2006.



From left: Prof. Albert Hofman (NIHES Scientific Director), Zhang Xiaodong (The Chinese Embassy in The Netherlands, Education Board), Qian Gu, Ningping Zhang, Yuanzhi Yuan (Medical Faculty of Fudan University in Shanghai).

Fudan University in Shanghai is one of China's top universities; Erasmus MC – a participant in the Netherlands Institute for Health Sciences (NIHES) – is a leading international institute for research training in the health sciences.

Qian Gu's research paper finds that "Common variants in PCSK1 influence blood pressure and body mass index"; Ningping Zhang's paper examines the "Frequency and clinical outcomes of flares related to nucleos(t)ide analogue therapy in patients with chronic hepatitis B"; while Yuanzhi Yuan reports on the "Incidence of glaucomatous visual field loss: a ten-year follow-up from the Rotterdam Study".

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The laureates were tutored by Prof. X. Gao and Prof. J. Wang from Fudan University's Zhongshan Hospital, and also by Prof. H. Janssen and Dr. J. Vingerling, both from Erasmus MC.

"The Erasmus University Rotterdam has a very good reputation among Chinese students. The Erasmus Medical Center is well known not only for its expertise, but also for its high quality of education. We are very pleased to see more and more Chinese students coming to Erasmus University to study and improve themselves, joining other 7000 Chinese students in the Netherlands to achieve their personal goals of life. — The Chinese government encourages the cooperation programs between Chinese universities and their counterparts in the Netherlands, such as the Fudan-Erasmus Program which witnessed great success through the graduation of three NIHES Master students".

– Zhang Xiaodong, Embassy of People's Republic of China in The Netherlands, Education Board.

Erasmus University Rotterdam's Erasmus MC will be participating in the [China Education Expo 2009 - Beijing](#) at the China World Exhibition Hall, The Netherlands pavilion (entrance), Beijing, on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October 2009.

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