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German engineer in China? Join VDI Network International

In today’s world, networking and cooperation play an increasingly important role, especially internationally. The economic region of Asia, and especially China, is of particular interest to Germany. Many German companies have strong business ties with China, and staff members based in the Asian country.

German engineers who live and work in China like to maintain contact with each other but also with their colleagues back home in Germany. A network is ideal to facilitate this contact. A network is also a space where local knowledge and contacts (at universities, non-government organisations and authorities) can be shared and cultural exchange can take place.

To facilitate such contact in China, the Chinese branch of the VDI Network International (VDI Netzwerk International) will be found in 2022. The VDI is a German engineering knowledge forum, and its Network International links German engineers living abroad with each other and with colleagues and professional bodies back in Germany.

One of the first things the VDI Network International in China plans to do is to establish a friendship circle to initiate the exchange of technical expertise and cultural experiences. The VDI Network International and its friendship circle in China will make available offers from the VDI, such as its news (Nachrichten), educational offers and webinars on current topics. It will also publish a regular newsletter with current technology news, and the VDI guidelines (Richtlinien) as well as position papers on industry-relevant topics among other things.

The friendship circle will establish ties with local engineering organisations, universities, authorities and so forth. Existing ties will be strengthened. The Chinese VDI friendship circle can lobby the authorities on behalf of its members and exert some influence on the continued roll-out of technical standards. The idea is to organise events and support educational collaboration. Plans are also afoot to establish contact between the VDI and local engineering bodies. German engineers based or interested in China are invited to join the Chinese VDI friendship circle.

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