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**THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSITY  
OF PETROLEUM IN CHINA**



40 years ago, in October 1953, Beijing Petroleum Institute was founded on the basis of the Petroleum Engineering Department of Tsing Hua University, with its faculty and staff from Tsing Hua University, Beijing University and Tianjin University. Its establishment marked the beginning of petroleum higher education in China.

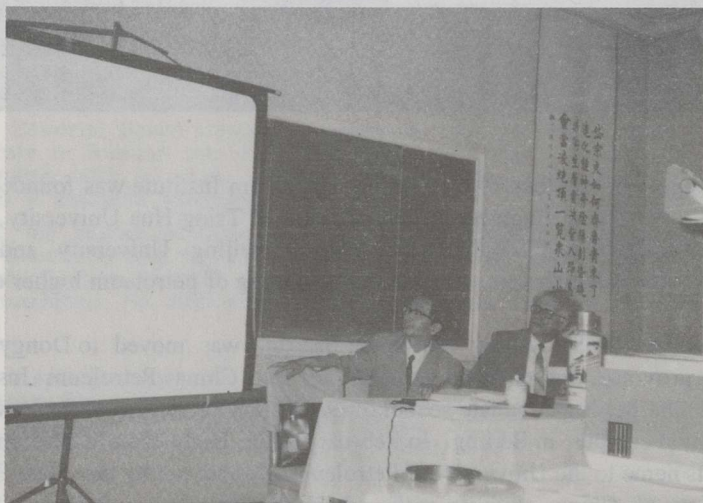
In November 1969, Beijing Petroleum Institute was moved to Dongying city, Shandong province, and changed its name to East China Petroleum Institute. In June 1981, the Beijing Graduate school of East China Petroleum Institute was set up on its original campus in Beijing. In February 1988, East China Petroleum Institute changed its name to the University of Petroleum as approved by the State Education Commission of China, with its main administration office in Beijing. It consists of four parts: the University of Petroleum (Beijing) in Changping County, Beijing, with a student body mainly of postgraduate students and a small number of undergraduate students, and high level technical training as well; the University of Petroleum East China in Dongying, Shandong, with most of the students undergraduates and some postgraduates; the Petroleum Manager Training Institute in Xisanqi, Changping County, Beijing, responsible for executive level training, and economics and management research, human resources development; the University of Petroleum (Guangzhou) as the training base for foreign-language students with some associate degree programs. The four parts

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of the University of Petroleum exercise unified planning, joint efforts in running school and relative independence. A new era of petroleum higher education has begun.

There are 17 departments with 38 degree programs and sub-degree programs. We have 8 PhD programs and 16 MSc programs. There are 2 post-doctoral stations, and 1 key discipline approved by the state. We have two Foreign Language Training Centers, one is in Beijing, the other is in Guangzhou. We have 400 PhD & MSc students, 7,000 regular college students, 2,500 students of correspondence education, 3,000 students of all kinds of training. We have made an important contribution to the preparation of qualified technical personnel and human resources development for the petroleum industry. In the last 40 years, one thousand postgraduates, 30,000 students of degree and sub-degree programs, 30,000 students of adult education have graduated, playing an important part in the managerial and technical leadership of onshore oil, petrochemical industry and offshore oil industry, and many of them are highly cited for excellence in work.

Our university has a large number of scholars and experts with high academic level, enjoying prestige both at home and abroad. We have 1,500 teachers, among them 162 professors, 330 associate professors and 540 lecturers. There are 62 experts awarded special allowance by the government, 4 state level experts with outstanding contribution, one member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and 19 PhD advisors.



Beijing, 1988: Prof. Qian Jialin (China) and Dr. Victor Yefimov (Estonia) cochaired the Session of the International Conference on Oil Shale and Shale Oil sponsored by Petroleum University and China Energy Association

200 teachers have been sent to United States, England, Russia, Canada, to study, give lectures, pursue academic degrees or attend international academic conferences. These activities strengthen the international academic exchange and scientific cooperation to improve the academic standing of our university.



Our university is full of vigor and vitality with the deepening of reform and opening to the outside world. In order to adapt to the needs of socialist market economy, we make strenuous efforts in research and development and initiate school run business.

We have made important breakthrough in basic theory and applied technological research, with more than 20 fields (including oil shale) at the cutting edge in China, and some of them reaching world advanced level. Important contribution has been made for the scientific research and the technical progress of the petroleum industry. We have good and modern laboratory equipment, providing good conditions for training and research. There are 140 laboratories for teaching and research, a state level laboratory, 5 laboratories offering positions for post-doctoral and visiting scholars. All kinds of modern instruments and equipment cost 137 million yuan. We have a research staff of about 300 people and 43 research divisions. Three hundred research projects are undertaken every year. In that period we have got 30 state-level awards and 80 provincial or ministerial level awards.

In the days of 40th anniversary of Petroleum University, we are making continued efforts to achieve more success in the future.

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