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**Kurzbeschreibung des Projekts:**

RWTH Aachen University enjoys a decades-long friendship with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras in Chennai, IIT Madras for short. In 1959 RWTH supported the foundation of IIT Madras and just a few years later in 1966, the two institutions formed the first Indo-German university partnership. In September 2016, exactly 50 years later, this relationship was taken to the next level with the initiation of the strategic partnership under the motto "Sister Universities."

With shared core institutional values and objectives, IIT Madras and RWTH join forces in research and teaching to deliver advanced technologies and scientific progress to global challenges.

Both universities strongly emphasise applied research, are oriented towards industry cooperation and have declared the cultivation of innovation and entrepreneurship a key element of their institutional objectives. This partnership creates joint structures and programmes that are designed to:

- Sustain and promote existing collaborations in Engineering, Energy, Environment, Bio(techno)logy, Materials and Medical Technology as well as spark new collaborations in additional fields;
- Develop joint degrees (Master and PhD), digital teaching, entrepreneurship, industry cooperation and alumni as new fields of institutional cooperation;
- Nurture institutionalisation and continuation of relations, lifting them to a higher level and performing permanent bonds.

Acknowledging the key importance of exchange and collaboration in education and research for the development of economic potential, IIT Madras and RWTH strive to educate human resources in possession of intercultural knowledge and experience, thus apt to perform excellently in an Indo-German bi-national context.

**Links:**

Deutscher Kurz-Link:

[www.rwth-aachen.de/rwth-iitm](http://www.rwth-aachen.de/rwth-iitm)

Englischer Link:

<http://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Die-RWTH/Profil/Internationalisierung/Partnerhochschulen-und-internationale-Ne/~lwzg/Strategische-Partnerschaft-RWTH-Aachen-u/?lidx=1>