

DELEGATIONS FROM THE BIOLAKE BIOPARK (CHINA) AND UBIFRANCE WELCOMED AT GENOPOLE®

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On March 2nd, 2012, after its pioneering partnership with the Chinese biopark Biolake, Genopole® had the pleasure of welcoming a Chinese delegation, led by Mr. Zhang Tong, Vice-Governor of Hubei, for the signature of a partnership agreement with the French export promotion agency UbiFrance.

The Chinese province of Hubei is located to the west of Shanghai and counts 62 million inhabitants. Its capital is Wuhan. Both the province and in particular its capital are remarkable for their robust capacities in scientific research. Indeed the region has been designated by the Chinese government as one of three national pilot sites to stimulate the development of biotechnologies. Financial growth in Hubei is spectacular, with the 2011 GDP reaching €240 billion, +13.8% over 2010.

As the first ever French entity to sign an agreement with the Biolake biopark, located in Wuhan, Genopole® is mobilizing to ease access to the Chinese market for its businesses and laboratories.

The March 2nd visit was organized jointly by Genopole® and the Essonne General Council. Its endpoint was the signature of a partnership between Biolake and UbiFrance, an agency responsible for accompanying French companies as they internationalize.

Genopole® was presented to the Hubei delegation by its Chief Executive, Pierre Tambourin. The delegation then visited the stem cell institute I-Stem, under the direction of Marc Peschanski.

In early April, representatives from Genopole® and the Essonne General Council will board Air France's first-ever direct flight from Paris to Wuhan to attend the inauguration of the Sino-French biotech center, which is being established within the Biolake biopark to respond to the needs of arriving French companies. A new collaboration agreement will be signed during the visit.

"At both Genopole® and the Essonne General Council, we are convinced that our mutual interests are well-served by moving ahead with this partnership and giving it a more operational content for biotechnologies and healthcare," indicated Genopole® Chief Executive Pierre Tambourin during the March 2nd event.



Elisabeth Rochas of UbiFrance and Zhang Guangqing Head of Wuhan East Lake High Tech signing the collaboration agreement on Friday, March 2nd, at Genopole®.

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