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## FIRST THREE STUDENTS FROM FUDAN UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL FACULTY IN SHANGHAI GRADUATE FROM ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM'S ERASMUS MC

**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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*"Erasmus MC is one of the leading medical research institutes in Europe. It has excellent facilities, expert tutors and considerate staff. As Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University has been in cooperation with Erasmus MC, I took this great opportunity to do my Master's program in clinical epidemiology at Erasmus MC. All courses were given by experienced lecturers who are experts in their field. As well as the very useful courses under the supervision of my tutors, I also participated in the clinical research of Hepatology, which was high-level. It gave important practice for students and trainees to combine their knowledge and technique with their own research project.*

*I also enjoyed my life at Erasmus MC because of its international environment. The international faculty and students, and the courses and seminars given in English were good for foreigners like me. After completing my study, I strongly feel that my potential as a professional hepatologist and researcher has increased manifold. I look forward to participating in more top-level clinical research in the future, and will do my best to combine clinical research with clinical practice".*

**– Ningping Zhang, Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Zhongshan Hospital, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.**

The laureates were tutored by Prof. Xin Gao and Prof. Ji-yao 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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