

Huawei inaugurates the new Lagrange research center for mathematics and calculus, in Paris

Built by the will to exchange with the scientific community, the Centre Lagrange's birth is a new step in Huawei's continued presence in France.

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Huawei announces today the opening of the Lagrange Research center for mathematics and calculus. Under the responsibility of **professor Merouane Debbah, R&D Director at Huawei France**, the Lagrange research center will host around thirty scientists, with around a third of them being international scientists. They will have the opportunity to evolve within a unique ecosystem, that of the Ile-de-France region which concentrates the highest number of mathematicians in the world and the best universities in the field.

In the spirit of knowledge sharing, the research produced by the Lagrange center will be shared with the academic and scientific communities. Following this spirit of openness, seminars will be regularly organized in collaboration with other research partners such as **l'Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques, l'École Normale Supérieure**, and other internationally recognized institutions.

In the long run, the Lagrange Center ambitions becoming an independent foundation directed by a scientific council. This council will be directed by Pierre-Louis Lions, professor at the College de France and Fields Medal winner in 1994. The future foundation's mission will be to attract and develop in France the best international talents of the field.

Represented by **Faten HIDRI, Vice Presidente of the Ile-de-France region in charge of higher education and research** who talked about the attractivity of the region; **Valérie Péresse, President of the Ile-de-France region**, insisted on delivering a message through visioconference:

“With its 3000 researchers, the Ile-de-France region represents the biggest concentration of mathematicians in the world. It counts 3 universities member of the top 10 in the Shanghai world university ranking with the first one, Université Paris-Saclay. I wanted, once again, to congratulate Huawei on its choice that shows the quality of our Research. This Center will undoubtedly contribute to attracting, here in Ile-de-France, the best talents of the world in the field of mathematics.

« For the last 30 years, mathematics have been playing a key role in the development of communication. At Huawei, we have worked closely with numerous mathematicians and realized together some great innovations.

Today, I am very proud to support the opening of the Lagrange center. It is a platform open to every mathematician throughout the world, to lead a research that helps us go beyond limits and whose results will benefit all of our industry” adds **William Xu, President of the Board and of Strategic Research at Huawei.**

« We are weary of promoting the freedom and academic excellency, in the longterm we wish to see this Center evolve into a real foundation. Its objective will be to push the fundamental limits of research by supporting breakthrough innovations and technologies. This is a necessary process if we want to see significant progress, in the field of artificial intelligence especially”, declares Merouane Debbah, head of R&D at Huawei France.

« Huawei chose France as a place of excellence in research and development, since its arrival here, 17 years ago. Since 2013, we have established 213 patents in France thanks to the contributions of more than 200 researchers who work in our 5 R&D centers here, in France. We are proud of their commitment”, commented **Linda Han, Vice-President of Public Affairs of Huawei, in charge of France.**

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