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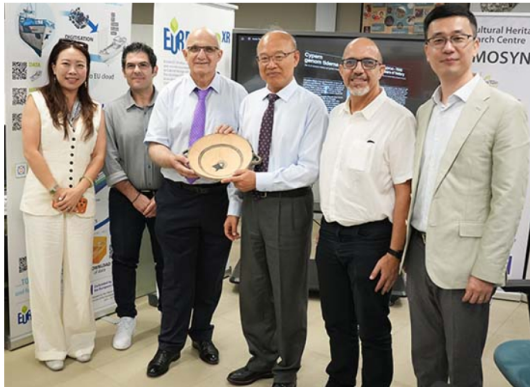
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TEPAK and Tsientang University strengthen their collaboration in Digital Cultural Heritage

New prospects for joint research, exchanges and the creation of an international research laboratory

The prospects for developing long-term academic and research cooperation in the fields of cultural and digital cultural heritage were discussed by the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) and the under-developed Tsientang University of China, within the framework of an official visit of a delegation from the Chinese university to CUT.



The visit took place on 17–19 September 2026, focusing on the MNIMOSYNI Research Center and the UNESCO Chair for Digital Cultural Heritage of the University of Athens, and followed the recent signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two universities.

Tsientang University is a privately funded, non-profit research university located in Hangzhou, China, aiming for interdisciplinary research and education in natural and life sciences, Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science, as well as humanities and social sciences.

The Chinese delegation was led by the President of the Tsientang Institute for Advanced Study (TIAS), Professor Enge Wang, former President of Peking University and Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, accompanied by the Head of International Relations, Dr. Zilong Zheng.

During the meetings, specific possibilities for cooperation in joint research projects, education and training, exchanges of academic staff and students, as well as the utilization of research infrastructure and know-how were examined. The creation of research stations and, in the long term, a joint international research laboratory was also discussed.

Particular emphasis was placed on combining the Chinese institution's expertise in ancient materials, ceramics, archaeology and conservation with the internationally recognized expertise of the ATHENS University of Technology in Digital Cultural Heritage, through the UNESCO Chair, the European ERA Chair and the specialized infrastructure of the MNIMOSYNI Research Center.

The collaboration will cover advanced technologies and methodologies, such as 3D digitization, photogrammetry, laser scanning, remote sensing, digital reconstruction, Artificial Intelligence, Digital Twins, MemoryTwin, HBIM/HHBIM, databases and advanced systems for interconnecting and organizing digital information.

The cooperation also envisages the development of joint workshops, seminars and conferences, educational activities, scientific missions and publications, as well as the joint submission of research proposals and participation in European and international research and innovation programs.

The goal of the two universities is to form a stable and mutually beneficial framework of cooperation, which will connect archaeology and conservation with modern digital technologies, contributing to the better documentation, preservation and promotion of cultural heritage for future generations.

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