



Geneviève FIORASO
French Minister for Higher education and Research
Will host a reception
At the French Residence / 30 Hap-dong, Seodaemun-ku Seoul 120-030
On July 25, 2013, at 18:15

In Honor of 15 Recipients of the Blaise Pascal 2013 Scholarships
and
The Signing of MoUs
Between "Paris XIII" University and Chonbuk National University
And Seoul Women's University

Geneviève FIORASO, Minister for Higher Education and Research, will arrive in Seoul on July 25 in the delegation of Prime Minister Jean-Marc AYRAULT.

During a reception at the French Residence, on the same day at 18:15, the Minister will formally present their scholarship to the 15 Korean graduate students selected to receive a one or two-year Blaise Pascal Scholarship of Excellence, for the 2013-2014 academic year. 620 millions Wons have been dedicated this year for the program.

The minister will then attend the signing of two MoUs: between Professor Jean-Loup SALZMANN, President of ParisXIII university and Chairman of the Council of University Presidents (CPU) and Professor SUH Geo-suk, President of Chonbuk National University and Chairman of the Korean Council for University Education, on the one hand, and Professor CHUN Hei-jung, President of Seoul Women's University, on the other hand.

The reception will give Minister FIORASO the opportunity to talk briefly about the new French law on Higher education, which has just been adopted by the French Parliament. She will also mention her visit to the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) in Daejeon, the following day, where two agreements for a period of four years each are to be signed between the ISB and the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM), and the French National Research Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Funded by the French government, the Blaise Pascal Scholarship Program of Excellence was established in 2005 to encourage Korean students from prestigious universities to integrate the best French universities in order to further their post-graduate or PhD studies, and thereby contribute to the development of our bilateral relations. Over the last 9 years, 103 Korean students have been granted a Blaise Pascal scholarship, and stayed in France to further their studies in hard sciences, engineering, social sciences and humanities, economics, management or business. Scholarships include free tuition and a monthly stipend to cover expenses. Selected students also enjoy a free round-trip ticket between Korea and France and medical insurance.

Blaise Pascal (1623–1662) was a French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and philosopher.

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