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The CMA CGM Group, École Polytechnique and its Foundation launch an ambitious scholarship program to support the Lebanese talents

- **A major scholarship program as part of the “CMA CGM Excellence Fund for Lebanon”**
- **The CMA CGM Group will support 10 Lebanese students per year, for a duration of 10 years.**
- **The scholars, who will have been admitted to École Polytechnique, will come from Lebanese universities in particular.**

As a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, the CMA CGM Group, one of the leading employers in Lebanon, launched the “CMA CGM Excellence Fund for Lebanon” in 2021 to promote and encourage educational success through various scholarships at prestigious schools. Dedicated to the Lebanese youth, the CMA CGM Group continues its commitment by creating collaborative scholarships for students pursuing their studies at l'École Polytechnique.

On September 20, 2023, in Beirut – Lebanon, the CMA CGM Group and École Polytechnique Foundation signed a partnership. This partnership represents the largest-ever international support program for future École Polytechnique Lebanese students.

CMA CGM Excellence Fund for Lebanon: an ambitious, long-term program

Over the next 10 years, this ambitious agreement will provide support for 10 Lebanese scholars a year in a program of international excellence. Awarded on the basis of various criteria, including excellence and individual socio-economic situations, these scholarships will cover part of the tuition fees as well as living expenses. They will be awarded to Lebanese candidates admitted to various programs at the École Polytechnique, including the Bachelor of Science, the Ingénieur Polytechnicien program and the Masters of Science and Technology.

The aim of this program is to promote the training of tomorrow's Lebanese executives who, once trained in France, will be able to return to their country of origin, with the possibility of joining major international companies, such as the CMA CGM Group, nourished by their international experience, and thus contribute to the development of their country.

For Rodolphe Saadé, Chairman and CEO of the CMA CGM Group: *“After HEC, AUB, ESA, and USJ, École Polytechnique is the 5th renowned institution with which we are collaborating within the framework of the ‘CMA CGM Excellence Fund for Lebanon.’ This excellence fund*

will benefit more than 125 students per year from all partner universities. The scholars will gain access to prestigious schools and international experience.”

Deeply rooted in humanist tradition, École Polytechnique has always had the mission of discovering the talents of tomorrow, regardless of their social or geographical backgrounds, by providing them with an environment of excellence conducive to the development of multidisciplinary knowledge.

In a context where the pursuit of demanding higher education abroad can sometimes be challenging, École Polytechnique, which consistently mobilizes its community to support its students from Lebanon, and which has maintained strong Franco-Lebanese relations for many years, is aware of the importance of this program for its Lebanese students.

“This long-term partnership between the CMA CGM Group and École Polytechnique Foundation will strengthen our long-standing friendship with Lebanon and will enable young Lebanese talents, who shine in the sciences, to pursue their education at École Polytechnique with peace of mind. In extremely challenging times for the Lebanese population, we are delighted to be able to support this new generation of engineers”, states Laura Chaubard, Director General of École Polytechnique.

“I would like to salute the CMA CGM Group’s commitment to Lebanese youth, and in particular to École Polytechnique’s Lebanese students. The agreement we have signed will enable us to implement an ambitious, long-term solidarity scholarship program. It also illustrates the key role played by our partners in the training of young talents at École Polytechnique”, says Frédéric Oudéa, Chairman of École Polytechnique Foundation.



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ABOUT THE CMA CGM GROUP / Led by Rodolphe Saadé, the CMA CGM Group, a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, serves more than 420 ports around the world across 5 continents, with a fleet of around 623 vessels.

The Group transported 21.7 million TEU containers (twenty-foot equivalent units) in 2022. With its subsidiary CEVA Logistics, a global logistics player which transported 522,000 tonnes of air cargo and more than 22 million shipments of inland freight, and its air cargo division CMA CGM AIR CARGO, the CMA CGM Group is constantly innovating to provide customers a comprehensive and increasingly efficient offering, thanks to new shipping, inland, air freight and logistics solutions. Firmly committed to the energy transition in shipping and a pioneer in its use of alternative fuels, the CMA CGM Group has set a Net Zero-Carbon target for 2050.

Each year, via the CMA CGM Foundation, the Group supports thousands of children as part of its efforts to promote education for all and equal opportunities. The CMA CGM Foundation also intervenes in humanitarian crises requiring an emergency response by calling on the Group’s shipping and logistics expertise to deliver humanitarian supplies around the world.

Present in 160 countries through its network of more than 400 offices and 750 warehouses, the Group employs 155,000 people worldwide, including nearly 4,000 in Marseille where its head office is located.

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ABOUT ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE / École Polytechnique, also known as L’X, is the leading French institution combining top-level research, academics, and innovation at the cutting-edge of science and technology. Its various undergraduate and

graduate-level programs – Bachelor of Science, Ingénieur Polytechnicien (Master's level program), Master's, and PhD – are highly selective and promote a culture of excellence with a strong emphasis on science, anchored in humanist traditions. As a widely internationalized university, École polytechnique offers a variety of international programs and attracts a growing number of foreign students and researchers from around the globe (currently 41% of students and 40% of faculty members). École polytechnique offers an exceptional education to prepare bright men and women to excel in top-level key positions and lead complex and innovative projects which meet the challenges of 21st century society, all while maintaining a keen sense of their civil and social responsibilities. With its 23 laboratories, 22 of which are joint research units with the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), École polytechnique Research Center explores the frontiers of interdisciplinary knowledge to provide major contributions to science, technology, and society. École polytechnique is a founding member of Institut Polytechnique de Paris.

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ABOUT ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE FOUNDATION / Created in 1987 by twenty leading French companies at the request of Bernard Esambert (Class X1954), the Chairman of École Polytechnique Board of Directors at the time, and with the support of the Alumni Association, École Polytechnique Foundation builds bridges between the business world and École Polytechnique, including its students and research professors. The Foundation is a recognized public-benefit organization that works to promote École Polytechnique. This status entitles it to receive gifts and bequests from both individuals and companies. The funds raised are directed to École Polytechnique programs, facilities, students, and research professors.

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