The workshop provides leading overseas universities an opportunity to meet top graduates from the most prestigious colleges and universities across China. The L3S is supported by the DAAD as part of the German delegation.

The Ph.D.-workshop is designed to benefit both overseas universities and Chinese graduates by:

- Providing overseas institutions with a well-managed and effective event where they can meet top Chinese graduates interested in graduate school.
- Providing overseas delegations with a database of hand selected and registered students from all over China.
- Offering Chinese students a platform to learn more about PhD recruitment opportunities in foreign countries from an official, reliable and legitimate source.
- Giving students an opportunity to meet face-to-face with official delegates of accredited overseas universities & institutions, and participate in on-site interviews.

The PhD Workshop China is a professional event in China where more than 100 overseas universities and research institutions present their PhD programs while networking with top Chinese postgraduates and PhD candidates. Once again, the German Delegation, representing more than 24 institutions, convinced through professionalism and quality while presenting the different PhD- and Master programs available.

According to the on-going 2012 to 2016 policy, all qualified students beyond the State 985 Project -and 211 Project institutions are eligible for the Postgraduate Study Abroad Program funded by the China Scholarship Council (CSC). The PhD Workshop took place during the last weekend in November so that students could apply for and obtain admission offers, thus ensuring they are ready for the CSC (Chinese Scholarship Counsel) application and enrollment in mid-March of the year 2014.

The team of the L3S interviewed more than 40 candidates from high quality universities. These candidates came with diverse interdisciplinary backgrounds, covering among others, computer science, engineering, data mining and information retrieval and were introduced to the Leibniz University Hannover and its location and offerings. Most sought-after information was about the interdisciplinary field of web science and the Information Technical Information Systems (ITIS)-graduate program at the university.

Compared to last year, the quality of the candidates notched up once again. Now all we have to do is wait for applications from these truly excellent candidates.

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