

GROUPEMENT CENTRALIENS de CHINE - VISITE ARKEMA CHANGSHU

On the 15th of May 2021, a few members of the Groupement des Centraliens de Chine based in Shanghai went on a small trip to discover a production site of Arkema in Changshu.



Thierry Martin (ECP94), General Manager at Arkema conducted a thorough presentation of the company's current challenges as well as of the production site itself. This event gave us a new perspective on the chemical industry, whose products are mostly invisible yet omnipresent.

More than a challenge, the reduction of carbon emission and environmental footprint has become a priority for Arkema. The French group is also facing fierce competition. However, innovation and high levels of quality and reliability enable Arkema to stay a major player on the local and international markets.

In addition, the company has been focusing for several years on cutting edge products such as high performance polymers and new generation of coatings. These markets make it possible for Arkema to profit both from its experience & from its strong innovative power and to stand out in the chemical industry. Then and there we learned that we all have a bit of Arkema at home: on a watch, on a bottle, in our electronics, or even soon in our shoes thanks to the Pebax Technology.

Following the company's presentation, our fully equipped little group went to the discovery of a production site where safety is paramount. The size of the facility, the thoughtful logistics and the level of automation had everything to arouse an engineer's curiosity.

Finally lunch was a valuable opportunity to discuss the constant Intellectual Property challenges that local management face in China, after which we all went back to Shanghai with a different regard on our watches and shoes.

