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Students & Alumni News

Chen Jianfeng receives Runner-up at Knit for Next Knitwear Design Competition

Achievements

ITC student Chen Jianfeng (BA, Year 4) received Runner-up which includes the Merino Students Award at the [Knit for Next Knitwear Design Competition](#), which was held at [SpinExpo Shanghai 2017](#) from 29 to 31 August 2017. The competition attracted over 350 freelance designers and students from more than 20 influential fashion colleges in China, the UK and Japan, such as the London College of Fashion, Beijing Fashion Institute of Technology, Shanghai Institute of Visual Art, Bunka Fashion College, and Nottingham Trent University, to compete for the prizes. The winner is a freelance designer, which means that Jianfeng has the best achievement among the student contestants.

The organiser, [Xinao Textile](#), selected four design themes from the Xinao 2018/2019 Autumn Winter Collection. The contestants were required to design their collection from these four specific themes. Jianfeng created a collection called “Hiroshima Chic and Like a Bird” by using the themes “Hiroshima Chic” and “Like a Bird”. The former features Japanese design fashion of the 1980s, whereas the latter stresses the integration of the organic mixed with high technology.

Apart from the award prize of RMB10,000, the Merino Students Award means that Jianfeng will also have the opportunity to embark on a trip to Australia jointly organised by Xinao Textile and [The Woolmark Company](#), where he will learn about the origins of wool, visit merino farms, and witness the shearing of wool, fibre testing and a wool auction.



Jianfeng and his collection “Hiroshima Chic and Like a Bird”

About the Knit for Next Knitwear Design Competition

This is the second year that Xin'ao Textile has organised the Knit for Next Knitwear Design Competition, with the aim to bridge students and the industry. In these two years, students from over 10 schools with fashion design programs in China and more than 200 designers have competed on the stage. In 2017, Knit for Next endeavored to increase its presence by including more designers from the most influential fashion colleges worldwide. Contestants have the opportunity to work with a knitting factory to develop their designs.

