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IPN Signs Agreement to Strengthen Practical Learning in Automotive Engineering

- **Empresa Hyundai donará transmisiones automotrices, vehículos y equipo especializado a diversas escuelas del Politécnico**
- **Study programs to be enhanced through collaboration with experts and specialists from the company; a first step towards a potential future plant in Mexico, they note**

To bolster professional education in the field of Automotive Engineering and provide engines, transmissions, and even vehicles for students to practice practical learning, a General Collaboration Agreement was signed between the Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN), the Comisión de Operación y Fomento de Actividades Académicas (COFAA), and Hyundai.

The agreement includes donations from the South Korean company of engines, transmissions, vehicles, and specialized equipment to Higher Education schools at IPN related to Automotive Engineering, as well as to some Centros de Estudios Científicos y Tecnológicos (Cecyt) that teach subjects related to this area.

Additionally, the creation of a technical educational program is envisaged to provide students and faculty with the latest theoretical knowledge in automotive systems, as well as training and provision of social service and professional internships for students to enhance the employability of graduates.

This instrument will generate joint research projects to address real industry problems and challenges, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and innovation in the field.

During the signing of the document, the General Director of IPN highlighted the significance of a Polytechnic graduate leading Hyundai's representation in Mexico, demonstrating the quality of education provided by the institution.

He emphasized that the infrastructure available at IPN allows students to develop practical skills, which will be further enriched by the projected donations from the South Korean company.

"I am pleased that today we gather to strengthen these ties with one of the most important companies in the automotive industry, ties that I am confident will continue to grow and strengthen from today onwards, enhancing a relationship that an institution like ours, the institution of excellence in science, technology, engineering, must have with the industry," stated the head of IPN.

Meanwhile, the CEO of Hyundai stated that this is a strategic first step towards establishing a future production plant for the company in Mexico.

"This collaboration reflects our belief in the power of education to transform lives. It is a step forward in our mission to drive progress for humanity. Together, we are committed not only to contributing to the formation of the next generation of engineers but also to inspiring them to dream big, innovate, and lead the way towards a brighter future for the automotive industry."

Outstanding students from various engineering disciplines at IPN participated during the signing of the agreement, expressing their opinions on the benefits that collaboration with a multinational company like Hyundai will bring not only to their educational formation but also to their professional sector linkage once they graduate.

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