Some of the international students paid a visit to Giethoorn and had a lovely day out. Giethoorn is a picturesque village in the province of Overijssel in the North-East side of the Netherlands about 175 km away from Delft. It is a nice destination for a daytrip or a summer weekend! In winter, when there is snow and ice, and when the canals are frozen, it is a beloved destination for the Dutch to go on an ice skating tour.

Giethoorn is known in the Netherlands as 'Venice of the North'. In the old part of the village, there were no roads (nowadays there is a cycling path), and all transport was done by water over one of the many canals. Visitors are able to rent a boat for a tour.
I remember writing my letter of motivation while applying to TU Delft. Part of the requirement was to include three choices of graduation assignment. I had a mental picture of what I wanted to do, but I wasn’t quite sure of what would be expected. Let me briefly share some information about the graduation project.

The Graduation Project is executed during the fourth (final) semester of the Master study. The Project is worth 33 EC, the equivalent of 22 weeks of study.

It can either be done internally, within the IDE faculty, or externally with a company or government body outside the IDE faculty.

In your third semester of study, there will be further orientation and workshops on how to find a suitable graduation project, exploring topics like how to discover what you want and much more. There is also a Graduation Support Centre, which helps students with preparing and executing the project. You can also visit http://repository.tudelft.nl/ to access a repository of graduation projects.

(From outside the TU network you only have access to abstracts of theses – go to options and then enter the faculty of Industrial Design Engineering). You can find examples of graduation opportunities at tudelft.nl > IDE > IDE Graduation > Graduation opportunities.

Here are some examples of graduation projects from the different master programmes in IDE (Industrial Design Engineering); Integrated Product Design, Design for Interaction and Strategic Product Design.

### Miguel Angel Melgarejo Fuentes
**Master:** Strategic Product Design

*This project was part of the TU Delft chapter of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s "Reinvent the Toilet" Challenge. The thesis centered on designing a new service, system, business model and implementation plan, making sure that the technology and product development efforts align towards the user and its needs in a sustainable way; defining the strategic areas of business and design.*

The result of this project is a proposed new sanitation system for Indian slums in urban dense areas. The solution provides flexible toilet seat availability during the day through the use of fixed and mobile facilities. An off-grid waste processing plant, which generates energy out of human feces using plasma gasification technology, supports the operation.

### Yunan Wang
**Master:** Integrated Product Design

*My graduation project is about creating the integrated visitor experience by designing supportive products or interactive installments in the Awareness of Interface, which is a global carpet tiles company. The main purpose of this project is to enhance the feeling of design, innovation and sustainability of Interface Company through improving the visitor experience.*

### Diego Alatorre
**Master:** Design for Interaction

*My graduation project aims to develop a practical intervention to prevent psychological burnout of employees with early symptoms of stress. Such a tool will be embodied in a tactual interactive product, which will be used by people working in engineering-related office environments. I got the assignment from the graduation opportunities billboard in the ground floor of the faculty.*
Living in Delft

Expand your study life
1. Dok Library
   Vesteplein 100
   To have a change of study place

2. Coffee company
   Markt 19-21
   Have a coffee, and order a cake, another cozy afternoon reading books

3. Gamma Delft
   Leeuwenstein 35
   All kinds of materials you can find there, especially woods, good place for inspirations

Explore your cultural life
1. Filmhuis Lumen
   Doelenplein 5
   www.filmhuis-lumen.nl
   Cozy cinema with Arthouse films

2. Jazz Café De Bebop
   Kromstraat 33
   Every Tuesday night you can listen to a Jazz band for free there!

3. Royal Delft
   Rotterdamseweg 196
   Beautiful museum, just near the faculty, the shop is especially worth a visit!

Enjoy your daily life
1. Delft market
   every Thursday and Saturday
   09:00 - 16:00 at city center
   Lovely market, must buy the muffin on Thursday!

2. Kobus Kuch
   Beestenmarkt 1
   Apple pie, apple pie, apple pie!

Embrace your casual life
1. Oostpoort (Eastern gate)
   Sitting on a bench overlooking the Oostpoort and the water surrounding it with an icecream from Beaart ice salon :)

2. Delft lake (Delftse Hout)
   behind IKEA Delft
   Now that summer is coming it is basic to have a BBQ there!
CAN DESIGN CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELLBEING OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES? IF SO, HOW?

These questions are central to the Positive Design Day, hosted on May 24 by our faculty of Industrial Design Engineering, TU Delft. Three international speakers will present their ideas on design for wellbeing, and the Delft Institute of Positive Design (DIOPD) will be officially launched. In addition, there will be interactive exhibitions in ten locations in the faculty that represent an overview of the diversity of experience-driven design research at Industrial Design Engineering. In the afternoon, Pieter Desmet will give his inaugural lecture ‘Positive Design’ at the TU Delft auditorium. He will discuss current opportunities to design for wellbeing, and present his vision on developments in society and in the faculty’s design research.

www.io.tudelft.nl/positivedesignday

The faculty of IDE would like to congratulate all newly admitted students!

In the coming weeks all admitted students will be contacted by a Long Distance Mentor, this is an international student in the same MSc programme who will answer questions about the MSc programme, the faculty, life in Delft or whatever you would like to know about studying and living in Delft. When you arrive in Delft there will be a lot of useful and fun introduction activities such as the Introduction Programme for new international students (see Delftulip for more information), Meet IDE - the faculty introduction day for students new to the faculty where you receive all kind of useful information about studying at the faculty of IDE, and the Master Introduction Week at the faculty (a course called Generic and Professional Skills) where you get acquainted with your MSc programme and your fellow students in this MSc programme. We at the faculty of IDE hope to meet you in Delft in August!

Willemine Biemond,
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Implementation of a new electives model

From September 2013 the faculty of IDE will implement a new model to cluster electives in the masters.

This new model will give the students the opportunity to (better) define their personal profile, an essential competence for an industrial designer. A predefined route does not offer sufficient flexibility to anticipate the developments in society and in the faculty’s design research.

Consequences for specialisations

The current specialisations ‘Automotive’ and ‘Retail Design’ will merge into this new model, which means that the current electives which are part of the specialisation will (mostly) remain but that the title ‘specialisation’ will seize to exist. ‘Medisign’ however will remain an official specialisation as it is closely related to the Medisign research of the faculty of IDE and is embedded in collaborations transcending TU Delft such as the Delft Health Initiative and the Medical Delta.

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