

Fabrice Fourcade becomes EDF's Chief Representative in China and Hervé Machenaud leaves the EDF Group

Fabrice Fourcade has taken on the role of EDF's Chief Representative in China as of 1st November 2016. He takes over from Hervé Machenaud who has left EDF after a career spanning thirty-four years, notable for his responsibilities in Asia and in the Production and Engineering Division.

Hervé Machenaud studied at the Ecole Polytechnique, the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris. After starting his career in administration at the Ministries of Cooperation and Equipment, Hervé Machenaud came to EDF in 1982 working as Deputy Site Manager at Paluel, at the time when the first 1300 MW reactor was just coming online.

His career within the Group is distinguished by his pioneering role in the development of EDF in China where he was Technical Director for the construction of the DAYA BAY plant between 1985 and 1989. Afterwards, in his role as Director of the Centre National d'Equipement Nucléaire (National Centre for Nuclear Equipment or CNEN), he was in charge of both new nuclear projects in France (PALIER N4) and Export (DAYA BAY – LING AO).

His career went on to encompass the roles of Deputy Director for Equipment and then Director of Production and Transport and finally, Deputy Director of the EDF Group's "Industry" division. In 2002, he was appointed Director of the "Asia-Pacific" Branch and supervised the Group's activities in the region from Beijing. Staying loyal to Asia and China, he continued in this role when, on 2 February 2010, he was appointed as the EDF Group's Senior Executive Vice President for Production and Engineering and became a member of EDF's executive committee.

The EDF Group's CEO and Chairman Jean-Bernard Lévy says: "I would like to pay tribute to Hervé Machenaud's fantastic career and commitment to EDF. In roles including Director of production and Engineering, he has been instrumental in industrial projects that have played a key role in promoting the competitiveness of our electrical system. He has raised the profile of the French nuclear industry in China and helped lay down strong roots for the Group in fruitful partnerships ".

Fabrice Fourcade, 51 years old and a former student at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Fontenay-aux-roses, graduated as a civil engineer from the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and he holds a MSc in Mathematics. He began his career in Germany, working in a research laboratory specialising in artificial intelligence, before joining EDF in 1992. As a research engineer and then the head of a research group, his fields of activity included economic studies and applied mathematics focusing on optimising electrical systems. As a member of the Strategy Department, he then managed the team responsible for negotiating prices with the public authorities and the electricity pricing strategy at the time of French deregulation. In 2001, he was responsible for developing electricity and gas services for key clients within EDF's Customer Branch before he was appointed Senior Vice President, Key Accounts in 2003. In 2007, he became Chief Executive Officer, Dunkerque LNG, a subsidiary of EDF responsible for developing the Dunkirk LNG terminal. From 2010 to 2014, he coordinated EDF's commercial activities in the Ile de France region, before becoming Senior Vice President of EDF's strategic plan, CAP 2030, reporting directly to Jean-Bernard Lévy.

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