

Cooperation Agreement between TU9 Universities and the Taiwan TCUS Alliance

Alliance of Leading Technical Universities in Germany (TU9) and the Taiwan Comprehensive University System (TCUS) to intensify cooperation in all areas.

Berlin, November 30, 2016 – The TU9 Universities and the Taiwan Comprehensive University System (TCUS) – also known as the Taiwan T4 Alliance – signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on November 29, 2016, in the Taiwanese Representative’s Office in Berlin. The MoU, which is valid for the next five years, provides the basis for greater cooperation between the two university alliances in all areas, from research cooperation to student mobility to staff exchange.

The signing of the MoU represents a further step in cooperation between the TU9 Alliance and TCUS. A high-ranking TCUS delegation had visited a number of TU9 Universities back in May 2015. And just prior to the visit, the Taiwanese Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Yi-Bing Lin, accompanied by an 11-strong delegation, visited the Computer Science Department at the Technical University of Darmstadt to launch thematically focused cooperation on IT security and data privacy. All nine universities in TU9 Alliance have already entered into separate agreements with TCUS universities, primarily covering teaching, but also research and non-academic activities.

Professor Dr. Dr. h.c. Hans Jürgen Prömel, TU9 President and President of the Technical University of Darmstadt, and Professor Dr. Huey-Jen Su, Chairperson of the Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET) and President of the National Cheng Kung University – in her capacity representing TCUS President Professor Dr. Ching-Wu Chu – signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the occasion of the German-Taiwanese Higher Education Policy Forum 2016 in Berlin.

“The TU9 Universities have already established a wide range of cooperation partnerships with universities in Taiwan. The TU9 and TCUS alliances have maintained close communication with one another since 2015,” says Professor Hans Jürgen Prömel. “The signing of the MoU is a logical next step enabling even closer cooperation. It opens up new and exciting opportunities and ideas for study, teaching and research.”

About the Taiwan Comprehensive University System (TCUS)

In 2011, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, four leading universities in central and southern Taiwan – National Cheng Kung University, National Sun Yat-sen University, National Chung Hsing University and National Chung Cheng University – were brought together to form the Taiwan Comprehensive University System (TCUS). The aim was to consolidate the potential of the four universities and promote interdisciplinary cooperation while maintaining their respective strengths.

About TU9

TU9 is the Alliance of leading Universities of Technology in Germany: RWTH Aachen University, Technische Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Braunschweig, Technical University of Darmstadt, Technische Universität Dresden, Leibniz University Hannover, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Technical University of Munich, and University of Stuttgart. Over 270,000 students are

enrolled at TU9 Universities, or about 10 percent of students in Germany. Around 50 percent of engineering degrees and engineering doctorates in Germany are obtained at TU9 Universities.

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