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Nanyang Technological University confers Honorary Doctorate on Professor Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President of Technische Universität München

Singapore, 30th July 2013 – Professor Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President of Technische Universität München (TUM), was conferred an honorary doctorate by the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). This award was given in recognition of his scientific achievements in the fields of inorganic and organometallic chemistry as well as the instrumental role he played in the collaborative efforts between TUM and NTU.

Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore and also Chancellor of NTU, presented Professor Wolfgang A. Herrmann with the certificate of the Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*) during the university's annual convocation ceremony. This is also Professor Herrmann's twelfth honorary doctorate.

Professor Herrmann earned his doctorate in Chemistry in the area of metal organic chemistry in 1973. Throughout his scientific career, his research which focused mainly on inorganic and organometallic chemistry has made an implacable contribution of 736 scientific publications and around 80 patents. Till date, he still remains as one of the most highly-cited German researchers in Chemistry on the international stage.

Professor Herrmann was also the visionary who paved the way for the establishment of the German Institute of Science and Technology (GIST) - TUM Asia in Singapore back in 2002; making TUM the first German university to set up an offshore campus in Asia. The establishment of TUM Asia, together with Professor Herrmann's instrumental role in seeking for collaborative partnerships in Singapore eventually led to the three successful joint Master of Science programmes in Aerospace Engineering, Microelectronics and Integrated Circuit Design between both TUM Asia and NTU.

Voted "President of the Year" by the German Association of University Professors and Lecturers in 2012 – Professor Herrmann is the longest-serving president of TUM, where he held the office of President for 18 years. Throughout his term, Professor Herrmann has introduced numerous reforms to modernise TUM which started a trend-setting effect in the German higher education sphere. TUM is now recognised as the leading University of Excellence and reigns as the top technical university in Germany.

The convocation ceremony was held on 25th July 2013 in the Nanyang Auditorium at the NTU.

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About Technische Universität München (TUM)

Technische Universität München (TUM) is one of Europe's leading universities. It has roughly 500 professors, 9,000 academic and non-academic staff, and 32,000 students. It focuses on the engineering sciences, natural sciences, life sciences, medicine, and economic sciences. After winning numerous awards, it was selected as an "Excellence University" in 2006 and 2012 by the Science Council (Wissenschaftsrat) and the German Research Foundation (DFG). In both international and national rankings, TUM is rated as one of Germany's top universities and is dedicated to the ideal of a top-level research-oriented entrepreneurial university. The university's global presence includes offices in Beijing (China), Brussels (Belgium), Cairo (Egypt), Mumbai (India) and São Paulo (Brazil). The German Institute of Science and Technology (GIST - TUM Asia), founded in 2002 in Singapore, is the first campus of a German university abroad.
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About TUM Asia

As the first German academic venture abroad, TUM Asia opened its doors in Singapore in 2002. German in its roots and Asian in its approach, TUM Asia combines an emphasis on industry readiness and innovation with a distinct dedication to be relevant to Asia and its development. TUM Asia has seen more than 300 global graduates come through its Master programmes, including graduates from Asia and Europe.

TUM Asia currently offers five Master of Science programmes. The Industrial Chemistry, Integrated Circuit Design, Microelectronics and Aerospace Engineering programmes are jointly offered with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) or National University of Singapore (NUS) – two of Asia's top universities – while the Transport and Logistics programme is offered exclusively by TUM Asia. Our international faculty hail from Germany and more, and their wealth of knowledge from various fields provide a spectrum of experience for the students to glean from.

Recognising the demand for engineering excellence in Singapore, TUM Asia partnered Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to offer Bachelor of Science programmes in Electrical Engineering and Information Technology and Chemical Engineering in 2010. It has also set up TUM CREATE in June 2010 to propagate research programmes, where scientists and researchers from both Germany and Singapore can work together for the advancement of science and technology. With the support of the National Research Foundation of Singapore (NRF), researchers at TUM CREATE focus on developing



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innovative systems that incorporate safety and reliability with functionality and energy efficiency in electric vehicles.

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