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Bavarian Prime Minister Horst Seehofer congratulates Hans Huber on his lifetime achievements

Many representatives from politics, the church, science and economy were invited to meet at Hirschberg Castle to celebrate the 70th birthday of Dr.-Ing. E.h. Hans Huber, supervisory board chairman and former CEO of HUBER SE.



The 'Bavarian Lion' handed over by Prime Minister Horst Seehofer

Guest of honour Bavarian Prime Minister Horst Seehofer pointed out at the beginning of his speech that it was personally important for him to be Hans Huber's guest. In his speech he looked back on the career of Hans Huber who, after his studies at TU Munich at the age of 26, had the courage to build up an enterprise together with his brother Karl-Josef. Seehofer said that Bavaria would need exactly such personalities like Hans Huber as they would form the backbone of a state like Bavaria. It is finally the large number of family-owned, middle-sized companies who ensure that we have virtually full employment in Bavaria and an all-time high of employees in jobs subject to social insurance contribution. Seehofer was not sparing in praise and called Hans Huber an outstanding Bavarian personality who, with great passion, has developed a small handicraft business to a global player.

"The name Hans Huber stands for innovation, high tech and worldwide success", said Prime Minister Horst Seehofer and mentioned all the prizes Hans Huber has been awarded to date, among other the German Environmental Award and the Federal Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. He also expressed his admiration for Hans Huber's activities in a number of organisations and offices where he holds not less than 22 honorary posts, which would be another proof that he feels it is his responsibility to contribute his experience and visions for the benefit of society. For several years already Hans Huber has been speaker of Umweltcluster Bayern (Bavarian Environmental Technology Cluster) for example.

"I wish you many happy, healthy years to accompany your company with valuable advice still a long time." With these words he handed over his birthday present, the Bavarian Lion, to Hans Huber.

Vicar-General and Cathedral Provost Isidor Vollnhals, host of Hirschberg Castle, conveyed the best wishes of Bishop of Eichstätt Gregor Maria Hanke who could not be there because he was on a pilgrimage to Fatima. In a letter, Bishop Hanke pointed out the holistic way of thinking and acting of Hans Huber who would use his expertise and abilities as an engineer to preserve the Creation.



President Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Wolfgang A. Herrmann representing TU Munich



Karl Josef Huber (mid) and Georg Huber (right) interviewed by Susanne Franke

“Hans Huber is one of us,” proudly said Prof. Wolfgang A. Herrmann, President of TU Munich, in his speech. Hans Huber studied process engineering at TU Munich fifty years ago and has always maintained contacts later. He has practised cooperation of science and business over many years and finally was awarded the honorary doctorate by TU Munich, a very rare honour.

The program was charmingly moderated by Susanne Franke who interviewed Georg Huber, CEO of HUBER SE and Hans Huber's son, and Karl-Josef Huber, member of supervisory board of HUBER SE and Hans Huber's brother, and managed to draw the one or other secret from them about their father/brother.

The next speakers to offer birthday wishes were Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. Hermann Hahn, President of Heidelberg Academy of Sciences, and Dr. Michael Beckereit, speaker of Hamburg Wasser and Hamburg Energie. In his function as CEO of German Water Partnership he thanked Hans Huber for his great commitment, especially for his support during the foundation phase and also for his work he is still doing as member of the board of directors.

The music program was arranged by Dr. Manuela Jahrmärker and was as excellent as the speakers before. Talented young and even prizewinning musicians played pieces of Schumann and Dvořák to the great delight of the audience.

Hans Huber himself finally thanked all for their friendly words and briefly summarised his life: From a happy childhood in Berching, an interesting time in Munich when he studied at the TU, until takeover of the family business together with his younger brother Karl-Josef in 1968. Their responsibilities did not have to be defined specifically, it was only natural that his brother took over production and finances while he himself focused on sales and innovation. A very special moment in his life he recalls is the day in 2006 when he heard he would be the winner of the German Environmental Award. Another moment he is especially proud of, he said, is when he was awarded the honorary doctorate by TU Munich in 2007. But great moments in his life would also have been the days his grandchildren were born.

With the words 'I have been very, very lucky in my life; the only thing I'm a little bit sad about is that I'm already 70', he finally thanked all his guests for coming and invited them to enjoy the party and buffet lunch.



Excellent music was presented by young international musicians



The official ceremony ended with the closing words of Dr.-Ing. E.h. Hans G. Huber

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