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# "Ehrenprofessur" for Dipl.- Ing. Karl Schlecht.

In appreciation for his achievements in life and the 10 years close cooperation in professional vocational training and knowledge transfer with PUTZMEISTER, the Institute of Vocational Instructors of Tongji University, Shanghai, China granted on 23. Jan 2006 to Mr. Karl Schlecht their rarely awarded title of "Ehrenprofessor" (Professor h.c.)

He shares this TONGJI - award with other honoured Germans like the earlier

Bundeskanzler Helmut Kohl, Minister Klaus Töpfer and Minister Däubler Gmelin.

After the Laudatio of the Director Prof. Dr. Dr. Zhang Jianrong the appointment document was handed over by Prof. Chen Zhulin, Then the newly nominated Professor Karl Schlecht gave his lecture on "Future elements of Entrepreneurship" He added: "Erfolg - auf alte Weise" (Success in the old way).

Explaining the outstanding success of his worldwide active PUTZMEISTER Company he referred to the essence of the traditional European University mission: Their task is to help form the roots in young people for later leadership with analytical, scientific competence for learning: Learning to find the truth.

"Life is problem solving", as the philosopher Karl Popper

issued old wisdom. The true answer to all problems are of human nature. If this is not internalized, you cannot find it in yourself, which is the only and true way of learning.

To engineer is human as well, as the passionate engineer K Schlecht cited as his life experience.

Winning as the essence of life and consequent success is only possible by value based personalities who have learned to



dig so deep with persistence. This forms competence and character. And exactly this, as he stated,





1. Is it true? Am I honest? 2. Is it fair?	3. Does it serve goodwill and friendship ? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?

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was the seed which his Universitity studies gave him. And to clearly recognize that now being 73 years of age is his motivating message to the students – and to his new academic home TONGJI. Learn to learn, learn to love – who truly loves is happy.

It is also the wisdom which Kungfu-tse gave to the state leaders 5000 years ago, besides the golden rule. Learn to love what you do - and you never worked.

Such "life mastery" (expressed for LAO-tse and KUNGFU-tse in old Chinese "tse") K Schlecht also interprets in the German meaning of the word PUTZMEISTER. It means analogue "PU-tse : "Putzmeister to make things better and more beautiful in masterly way".

This close relation between old Chinese wisdom and his thinking may explain, why since the earliest days of China opening its borders he loved to serve the Chinese Industry. So – after earlier joint ventures – he formed the fully owned PM company in Shanghai / Songjijiang. Since then he cultivated the close relation with Tongji, which today was renewed with a more qualified cooperation agreement.

Demonstrating this to his audience along the "Putzmeister Worldbook" and intelligent questions of his audience resulted with the invitation for regular lectures here whenever possible in the near future.

## Right Picture:

Prof. Shaozong Zhu, Tongji - Vice President, congratulated KS during the official University – lunch reception.



<<<The Elephant in front of TONGJI.

#### The Elephant

became in China the symbol for concrete pumps in the early years when PUTZMEISTER – Elephant pumps made the concrete pumping method popular in China.

The Cooperation with the Tongji Institute of Vocational Instructors is based on a long years partnership with GTZ with Prof. Dr. Gerd Diethelm as Academic advisor and German Project manager . >>>











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Tongji University in Shanghai is one of the 211 leading Chinese universities directly under the State Ministry of Education in China, founded 1907 by a German medical Doctor. Ranking among these institutes today with Nr 15, Tongji offers degree programs both at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The university has School of Sciences, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, School of Civil Engineering, Mechanical School, School of Environmental Science and Engineering, School of Material Science and Engineering, School of Electronics and Information Engineering, School of Traffic and Transportation, Medical School, School of Liberal Arts and Law, School of Foreign Languages, School of Economics and Management, School of Software Engineering, school of Ocean and Earth Science.

In addition, there are Institute of Further Education, Institute of Higher Technology, Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Institute of E-Education, Women's College, Institute of Automobile Marketing and Sino-German Institute which is authorized by Chinese and German governments to run postgraduate courses. There are also three university hospitals located in different campuses.

The university now registers over **41,000 students** at all levels from certificate and diploma courses to Bachelors Degrees, Masters, PhD programs and post doctoral attachments. There are over 4200 academic staff for teaching and/or research, among whom



there are 6 Members of Chinese Academy of Science, 7 Members of Chinese Academy of Engineering, over 530 professors and 1300 associate professors. The university offers diverse courses in its 81 Bachelors Degrees, 151 Masters, 58 PhD programs and 13 post doctoral mobile stations.

As one of the state leading centers for scientific research, the university has 5 state key laboratories and engineering research centers.

### Appendix

In 2015 Prof Dr Gerhard offered KSG the idea to take over from him the Erich-Paulun-Institut. We installed SP 9757 for it asl Dr Erich Paulin was the founder of Tongji Uni. .We attach it to CIT SP 9665