

- wise- just- brave- moderate // obedient- diligent- conscientious- humble // faith- hope - love //modest -

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- qualitative ? – innovative ? – prepared ? – flexible ? – competent ? – value conscious ? -

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## KS- Welcome

### On the occasion of the opening of the China Center Tübingen (CCT)

On April, 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 in Tübingen

Thank you for your welcome, your Magnificence, dear Professor Engler – dear students, dear friends from near and far.

As initiator and promoter of our new China Center Tübingen I may greet you with a few words.

The mission I have intended for the CCT as a donor, based upon my 83 years of life experience, is a very simple one:



### **Building up trust! Care for TRUST! "Support Trust!"**

All this is part of my *searching and furthering of the Goodness itself*. It is also based upon what I have learned doing business in China since 1979.

Francis Fukuyama's book TRUST further reaffirmed me in this.

In contributing to such trust, I already initiated and founded two Institutes in Tübingen: **The World Ethos Institute** in 2012 and the **Erich Fromm Institute** in 2015.

After four long years, the **China Center** is now being established. So they become „All good things are THREE“, as the German proverb says. This is in accordance with my long-term entrepreneurial mission with a clear vision.

This synergetic operating **Trio of Institutes**, borne and longterm supported by my foundation KSG, shall from now on synergistically awaken the **most important humanistic and ethical wisdoms and biophile** schools of thought in our today's language.

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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**Complementary to Tübingen's excellence university status, its research and lecturing**, our new institutes shall be the fertile ground for the **character building** of young people. Following our top KSG mission "Leadership Excellence" the TRIO shall help to form good personalities as tomorrow's leaders.

Our commonly developed company values which provide or help uniform feeling and common thinking to all employees serve the purpose of forming and cultivating internal trust among each other. They characterize our enterprise and create customer TRUST. His orders only come when he trusts the product, the company and their members.

In order to further enhance the trust-building effect of our Putzmeister factories in their globally active corporate family, I came across the Worldethos Idea of Professor **Hans Küng**. The world ethos idea testifies that all founders of religions proclaimed the same core objective of peaceful and active-humanistic trust based, humanistic living together.

**This is exactly what a globally active enterprise needs.**

Moreover, I have been fascinated by **Erich Fromm** since 1997, **especially** by his „Art of **Loving**“ with its definition of intrinsic motivation for an active and productive life and happiness.

Erich Fromm's thoughts in „**to have and to be**“ led to my decision to hand over my whole enterprise to the **charitable foundation** KSG in 1998. Its mission is to enrich young people with my and other people's refined life experiences to make them grow beyond ourselves, winning in their professional life with love in what they do..

Here in Tübingen, the **world ethos idea** also led me to **its Chinese origins**:

### **The Golden Rule of Confucius!**

„Do not to others what you do not want done to yourself“

This is in fact the **basics of the teachings of all world religions' founders**.

**Confucius, Mencius and others** have been teaching these principles of mercy and humanity and a **successful life thousands of years ago**.

In order to raise comprehensive awareness of **this** among our students, we are now completing the Trio of Institutes with the new **China Center**, following the – in China highly estimated- principle of **harmony**. This harmony prevails despite personal differences, thanks to a common goal: Humanity. This is the core objectives of the Worldethos idea and Erich Fromm's life lectures.

Nowadays China and Germany have become in the global economic context **neighbors which mutually highly respect and appreciate each other**. For **this our** CCT shall assist and teach our Students and the Public how we **have always been emotionally and spiritually** close to each other in history.

CCT research shall also make us aware of the factors which have now made China a **world power** within just a few decades – like it has already been the case hundreds of years ago.

Recognizing this and **learning** from each other **in friendship** with the help of our three Institutes – this is my wish as a donor. Thanks to my own 30 years business experience in China, I have become aware of what we can **learn from one another**: especially how and why the young Chinese are **“learning faster”**.

With the CCT in our trio we want to operate hand-in-hand in accordance with the motto we analyzed from the Putzmeister worldwide success: “enjoy to serve, so improve and to create **values**”. This Motto shall enrich our CCT-world in a truly amicable way with our limited means. Paired with the **Worldethos** Idea CCT shall also contribute to and serve peace.

**Especially in our todays world** , each and every one of us must be peace minded and contribute.

**Peace needs to be enhanced and donated, repeatedly** again and again, as Immanuel Kant said.

To me it is important not only to gain **you here** as our **Ambassadors**. I would like to campaign with **your donations** to make CCT more effective. We are grateful that this has already been realized through financial donations by Morgan Stanley, the DCW and contributions on the part of our University to this new IN-institute.

In all your names I would like to express my thanks for the four years of active promotion and sympathy on the part of our honored rector, Professor Engler and vice-rector, Professor Assmann.

Dear guests, to reaffirm my request for productive companionship and in order to expand our sponsoring family with **your** active contribution and donations for CCT, I will now hand over the microphone to the delegate of the Chinese embassy:

## Prof. Dr. Dong Qi

