



THE PRIME MINISTER OF STATE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG

Greetings from Prime Minister Mr. Guenther H. Oettinger

As we all know children and youth are the sum of a community's possibilities: They are the core of our future. This is particularly applicable in our state Baden Württemberg. Our exceptional economy rests on a basis of extremely qualified, innovative and capable young people: They continually drive the development of our high quality of life (standard of living) with new ideas and developments.

For this reason the planned *Maybach Foundation* earns our complete support. Initiated and carried out by the Maybach family, this foundation advances young people with exceptional talent by facilitating an international mentorship program suited with highly qualified individuals. In this way talented youth will be held up as role models for others in their own right and as representatives of a successful and multi cultural service organization.

The mentoring concept is closely linked to the Maybach Family heritage. It points back to Wilhelm Maybach's days at the "Bruderhaus" (orphanage) in Reutlingen where he connected with Mentor Gottlieb Daimler, who recognized Maybach's talent and vision and intensely supported it. Years later after Maybach left the *Daimler Motor Company* Wilhelm turned his considerable energy to the professional development of his son Karl Maybach. Without Daimler's mentoring support Wilhelm Maybach's unique talent may have remained unrecognized: The construction of the first Mercedes, and automotive history would have taken a different turn without the mentoring support of this young talent.

Initiatives like the *Maybach Foundation* are important for a community. The mix of community, collaboration and solidarity are highly valued in Baden Wuerttemberg (Germany). The *Maybach Foundation* bestows a special meaning to our many faceted and active philanthropic communities, home to many diverse charitable purposes. Their work nurtures all areas of our community and beyond. The planned *Maybach Foundation* is a special example as its universal appeal represents a greater spirit and consciousness of exemplary civil responsibility.

I wish the *Maybach Foundation* much success and I am sure that this exemplary program will be worthwhile for the young people it plans to support.