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**ITE AND BADEN WÜRTTEMBERG, GERMANY,  
MARK SILVER JUBILEE WITH FIFTH MOU RENEWAL**

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE), Singapore has enjoyed close ties with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (KM), Baden Württemberg, Germany, since 1991. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two parties was first signed 25 years ago to establish bilateral co-operation.

It was renewed for the fifth time on 26 February 2016 in Germany. Mr Ong Ye Kung, Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills), and Mr Andreas Stoch Mdl, Minister, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Baden Württemberg, were the signatories of the MOU. Details of the MOU can be found at **Annex A**.

A Supplemental MOU between the KM Colleges and ITE Colleges was also signed in 1991, and subsequently renewed every five years. The Supplemental MOU was renewed for a fifth time on **9 March 2016** at the **Executive Salon 1, ITE Headquarters**. The Supplemental MOU will further strengthen ties between the Colleges and seek to explore further avenues of co-operation. It will also allow ITE's collaboration with more KM Colleges and institutions. Details of the Supplemental MOU can be found at **Annex B**.

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**Photos:**



*Members of ITE's Senior Management penning their signatures on the Supplemental MOU with Principals and Directors from KM Colleges and Institutions, Baden Württemberg, Germany.*



*The renewal of the Supplemental MOU sees the inclusion of two more German institutions. Mr Hartmut Mattes, Minister Advisor, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Baden Württemberg, Germany, said that the collaboration with ITE is their "longest partnership and most successful worldwide".*



*Mr Hartmut Mattes and the German partners will witness the fruits of their long-standing relationship with ITE at the Technical Engineer Diploma in Machine Technology Fair on 10 March. The Diploma course is a by-product of the collaboration.*

### **About ITE**

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) is a post-secondary education institution established in **1992** under the Ministry of Education. As a principal provider of career and technical education, and a key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards, ITE's **Mission** is to create **opportunities** for students and adult learners to acquire skills, knowledge and values for employability and lifelong learning. ITE's **Vision** is to be A **Trailblazer** in Career and Technical Education. Our **Values** are **Integrity, Teamwork, Excellence** and **Care**. ITE comprises the ITE Headquarters and three ITE Colleges - College Central, College East and College West.

**Memorandum of Understanding Between  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Baden Württemberg, Germany and  
Ministry of Education, Institute of Technical Education, Singapore**

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In September 1990, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, Singapore's then Minister for Education, led a study visit team to Baden Württemberg, Germany. Arising from the visit, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on 3 June 1991 between the Ministerium für Kultus, Jugend und Sport (KM) (Minister of Education, Youth and Sports), Baden Württemberg, Germany, and Singapore's Ministry of Education – Vocational and Industrial Training Board, Singapore (VITB), a statutory board under the Ministry of Education, Singapore then.

Formed on 1 April 1992, the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) took over VITB's roles and functions. The MOU established bilateral cooperation in the field of Vocational Education and Training (VET). The MOU has been renewed five times – in 1997, 2002, 2006, 2012 and 2016.

**Implementation Date of Fifth Renewal**

The MOU was signed on 26 February 2016 in Germany and will take effect on 1 March 2016, up to 28 February 2021.

**Objectives**

The objectives are:

- To share information, expertise and best practices in VET
- To conduct joint seminars and workshops
- To cooperate in mutual areas of interest in the field of VET and Pedagogic Training between Baden Württemberg and Singapore, represented by ITE.

<b><u>Signatories</u></b>	<b><u>Witnesses</u></b>
<b>Mr Ong Ye Kung</b> Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills), Ministry of Education, Singapore	<b>Mr Bruce Poh</b> Director & CEO/ITE Singapore
<b>Mr Andreas Stoch Mdl</b> Minister, Ministerium für Kultus, Jugend und Sport (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports), Baden Württemberg, Germany	<b>Mr Hartmut Mattes</b> Ministerialrat Ministerium für Kultus, Jugend und Sport (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports), Baden Württemberg, Germany

**Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding Between  
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Baden Württemberg,  
and its Academy and Colleges, Germany, and  
Institute of Technical Education and its Colleges, Singapore**

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Under the umbrella MOU, a Supplemental MOU was also established between Germany's Gottlieb-Daimler-Schule (GDS), a Technical Institute in Sindelfingen, Baden Württemberg, and the then ITE East (MacPherson) in 1991. The MOU was also renewed four times in 1999, 2004, 2009, and 2012.

The third MOU was extended to all campuses under the then ITE East and ITE West Networks and GDS 1 and 2, when GDS was reorganised into two separate institutions in 2003.

The fourth MOU was expanded to include ITE College East and Carl-Benz-Schule, Gaggenau. The fifth Supplemental MOU and the Addendum were extended to Kerschensteinerschule, Stuttgart and Kaufmännische Schule, Göppingen.

**Institutions Under the Sixth MOU**

The Supplemental MOU will take effect from 1 March 2016 to 28 February 2021. Under the new MOU, the cooperation between KM Colleges and ITE Colleges will include:

- Landesakademie für Fortbildung und Personalentwicklung an Schulen rAÖR (State Academy for In-Service Training and Human Resources Development for Schools), Esslingen
- Gewerbliche Schule, Göppingen
- Kaufmännische Schule, Göppingen
- Kerschensteinerschule, Stuttgart
- Carl-Benz-Schule, Gaggenau
- Gottlieb-Daimler-Schule 1
- Gottlieb-Daimler-Schule 2
- ITE College Central
- ITE College East
- ITE College West

**Areas of Co-operation**

The areas of co-operation include:

- Staff capability development, exchange and attachment for joint projects
- Student attachment for joint projects and student exchange for immersion and overseas experience in Germany and Singapore
- Sharing of systems, best practices, key indicators and processes for benchmarking, organisational excellence and quality assurance
- Collaboration and partnership with industry
- Collaboration in joint seminars, workshops and training for leaders, lecturers and professionals in VET