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President Li Luming Meets with TUHH President Andreas Timm-Giel and Delegation

Tsinghua News, July 4 (Reporter: Fang Si, Photographer: Sun Bo) — On June 30, Andreas Timm-Giel, President of Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH), led a delegation on a visit to Tsinghua University. President Li Luming met with the guests in the West Hall of Gongzi Hall. The two sides exchanged views on expanding future cooperation.

Meeting with Andreas Timm-Giel and Delegation

Li Luming welcomed President Andreas Timm-Giel and his delegation on behalf of Tsinghua University and provided an overview of Tsinghua's efforts in advancing its global strategy, digital education, and AI-powered teaching initiatives. He emphasized that Tsinghua places great importance on international exchange and cooperation and is committed to promoting high-level educational openness. He expressed hope that both institutions would further strengthen faculty and student exchanges, deepen academic collaboration, and jointly write a new chapter in Sino-German higher education cooperation.

Andreas Timm-Giel introduced TUHH's internationalization strategy, academic structure, and key research areas, as well as the university's efforts to address global challenges such as climate change. He expressed a strong interest in deepening collaboration with Tsinghua in fields such as electrical engineering and materials science, aiming to elevate joint efforts in talent development and academic exchange to new heights.

Representatives from Tsinghua's Department of Electronic Engineering, School of Integrated Circuits, Department of Electrical Engineering,

Graduate School, Office of Scientific Research, Office of International Affairs, and Online Education Center also attended the meeting.

Before the meeting, President Timm-Giel and his delegation visited the Department of Electronic Engineering and the School of Materials Science and Engineering, where they engaged in in-depth academic discussions with faculty and students.

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Report of NSFC

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Director Dou Xiankang Meets with President of Hamburg University of Technology

On July 2, 2025, Dou Xiankang, Director of the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), met with Professor Andreas Timm-Giel, President of Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH). The two sides engaged in a discussion focused on strengthening Sino-German university collaboration in fundamental scientific research.

Director Dou warmly welcomed President Timm-Giel and introduced NSFC's recent reform initiatives in talent development and international cooperation. He emphasized that NSFC places great importance on international collaboration, continuously expanding its openness and actively integrating into the global innovation network. To date, NSFC has signed cooperation agreements with 106 scientific institutions across 54 countries and regions.

He noted that collaboration between China and Europe—especially between China and Germany—plays a vital role in NSFC's new international framework for basic science cooperation. In this context, NSFC is eager to deepen academic exchange and joint talent development with Hamburg University of Technology, using the 50th anniversary of China-EU diplomatic relations and the 25th anniversary of the Sino-German Center for Research Promotion as timely opportunities. Director Dou also extended an invitation to President Timm-Giel to attend the celebrations of the Center's 25th anniversary and the Sino-German University Presidents' Forum to be held in China this October.

President Timm-Giel praised NSFC's reform efforts and expressed his gratitude for the invitation. He highlighted that as one of Germany's youngest technical universities, TUHH excels in engineering sciences, interdisciplinary research, knowledge transfer, and internationalization. He expressed hope that this visit would serve as a catalyst for a more active role in Sino-German cooperation in science and innovation.

Also attending the meeting were Professor Li Qiang, Director of TUHH's Institute of Integrated Circuits and Systems; Dr. Shi Shan, Head of the

Research Group for Integrated Metallic Nanomaterial Systems; Ms. Wang Yi, Head of the International Affairs Office at TUHH; Fu Xuefeng, Deputy Director of NSFC's Department of Interdisciplinary Sciences; along with staff from NSFC's Interdisciplinary Sciences Department and Bureau of International Cooperation.

