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Press Release

**Professor Theodor W. Hänsch becomes
Honorary Chair Professor at the “University System of Taiwan”**

On the occasion of a recent visit to Taiwan, Professor Theodor W. Hänsch has been named Honorary Professor at the National Chiao Tung University in Hsinchu. The photo below shows the University President, Prof. Chun-Yu Wu (on the right), and Prof. Hänsch during the award ceremony on November 1, 2010. National Chiao Tung University is an internationally highly ranked research university. Together with National Tsing Hua University, National Central University, and National Yang Ming University it is part of the University System of Taiwan, UST. The Chancellor of UST, Prof. Yan-Hwa Wu Lee, has appointed Prof. Hänsch an Honorary Chair Professor for the entire university system UST during the period from November 3, 2010 to November 3, 2020.

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Professor Hänsch was born in Heidelberg in 1941. He studied physics at the University of Heidelberg, earning his doctorate in 1969. He went on to post-doctoral study in the United States, and was a professor of physics at Stanford University from 1975 to 1986. Since 1986 he has been Director at the Max Planck Institute of Quantum Optics and Professor of Experimental Physics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich.

His main research fields are the high-precision laser spectroscopy of hydrogen and similar elements and the investigation of ultracold quantum gases. Professor Hänsch has received many scientific prizes and awards. In 2005 the Nobel prize in physics was awarded to him for the development of the frequency comb technique. [O.M.]

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