



Annex Opening Celebration on Saturday, 29 August 2015 at 10.45

The First Mayor of Hamburg Olaf Scholz, US Consul General Nancy Corbett, Airbus General Secretary Gunnar Gross and progressive thinker Jakob von Uexkull visit ISH

(Hamburg, 12 August 2015). The new school year at the International School of Hamburg (ISH) will start true to the motto: ...All is NOT quiet in the West! After a construction period of 13 months the grand opening of the three-story West Wing will take place on August 29th, 2015 from 10:45 to 16:00. The school extension has the capacity to accommodate a further 250 students as well as providing opportunities and space for educational initiatives and innovative learning approaches. 900 invited guests from the current and former school communities together with representatives from government, science and the media are expected to participate in the ceremonial opening of this new feature of the school in Hemmingstedter Weg.

The list of reputable speakers is headed by Olaf Scholz, the First Mayor of Hamburg, who will begin at 11:30. The Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg supported the total construction costs of 8.9 million Euros financially, providing an additional 2.4 million Euros subsidy. Nancy Corbett, US Consul General, will follow with her speech: the ISH accommodates students from over 50 nations, the US being the home of the second largest group. Next, Mr. Gunnar Gross, General Secretary at Airbus Operations GmbH, will underline ISH's importance in the acquisition of international professionals, hereby supporting Hamburg as a business location. The aviation group leads the list of companies providing children of professionals, temporarily working in Hamburg, with an internationally minded and highly regarded education at ISH.

One of the school's most renowned ex-alumni follows suit: Jakob von Uexkull is not only a former pupil of ISH from the 1950's and early 60's but also the founder of the 'Right Livelihood Award' (Alternative Nobel Prize) and the 'World Future Council'. The title of his speech will be: 'Building Global Citizenship for a World in Transformation.' London based von Uexkull, of German and Swedish origin, has very fond memories of his school in Hamburg: 'My teen years at the ISH were great and unforgettable, mainly because they shaped my understanding of internationality. This inspired me to branch out globally, be it as an author, parliamentarian or social entrepreneur. Furthermore, I developed

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the self-confidence to do the things that I felt were right for me, including the founding of the Alternative Nobel Prize and the World Future Council.'

As a result of his education at the ISH von Uexkull was accepted at Christ Church College in Oxford where he studied. 'The ISH community was very vivid and the strong social community provided special bonds between the diverse cultures', says von Uexkull, who is also a co-founder of the alternative world economic summit and active in the European Parliament, the supervisory board of Greenpeace and as a consultant for Transparency International.

The opening ceremony will also be punctuated by musical performances from some talented students and the program for young and old will continue from 13:00, including catering and diverse acts for young and old.

Media representatives are kindly invited to this event. On conclusion of the speeches there will be a guided tour through the West Wing and the opportunity to conduct interviews with speakers and officials. Complimentary snacks will be provided.

For organisational and security reasons, registration per mail to press@ishamburg.org is requested until 26 August, 2015 at the latest.

International School of Hamburg (ISH)

ISH was Germany's very first international school and still remains Hamburg's only educational institution accredited by the Council of International Schools. For more than half a century it is dedicated to a full-day, English-language education of its students aimed at turning them into responsible citizens of the world who unfold their full potential. More than 750 young people from over 50 nations currently visit ISH. They are divided into the Early Childhood Centre (age 3 to 5), Junior School (grade 1 to 5) and Secondary School (grade 6 to 12). About 100 highly qualified teachers from all over the world support them on their way to the International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma), which enables them to enter leading national and international universities. Since ISH uses the globally standardized educational systems IPC and IB, its students are able to seamlessly resume their education at thousands of schools worldwide, if necessary.

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