



“Bosch classes” in Miskolc school Bosch and Miskolc Council will modernize vocational training

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A long-term collaboration agreement was signed on 31 August 2011 by between Dr Max Nitzsche, Plant Manager of Robert Bosch Energy and Body Systems Kft., Attila Horváth, Plant Manager of Robert Bosch Power Tool Kft., and Dr Ákos Kriza, Mayor of the City of Miskolc. The parties aim to modernize vocational training so that technicians and skilled workers graduating from the Andrásy Gyula Vocational School in Miskolc possess up-to-date knowledge and skills.

The agreement specifies the intention of Bosch and Miskolc Council to cooperate in planning vocational training that is flexible and meets the demands of the industry. The planned cooperation covers everything from admission procedures to final examinations, and production of the most advanced teaching materials. The present general agreement will form the basis for a detailed contract between Bosch and its collaborating partner, the Andrásy Gyula Vocational School of Miskolc.

“As one of the largest international employers in Hungary, Bosch considers training to be vital, and we want to support the training of technicians and skilled workers so that they can acquire the highest and most relevant skills,” said Dr Max Nitzsche, Plant Manager of Robert Bosch Energy and Body Systems Kft.

The first “Bosch class” will start in the school year 2012/1013. It will specialise in training skilled production machinery operators and mechatronic technicians. In the first stage of the collaboration, this September, representatives of the school and of Bosch will visit the ten primary schools in Miskolc to present the details of the program to parents and children. Bosch will contribute international-level practical training and a teaching workshop fitted with the most advanced technology.

“Our cooperation with this municipal school aims to help more and more young people in the North Hungary region find work appropriate to their skills. Depending on its labour requirements, Bosch is also prepared to offer to graduating students long-term employment opportunities that help them start

dependable careers.” said Attila Horváth, Plant Manager of Robert Bosch Power Tool Kft.

“I am very pleased to see the start of a major new chapter in the cooperation between the city of Miskolc and the Bosch Group. It is well-known that, despite unemployment, there is a shortage of professionals in several trades. The most important task is to adjust the training system of schools to the demands of the enterprises. In other words, the schools of the city have to train only such professionals who will be retained by the local businesses. These objectives are also in line with the European vocational education and training strategy established until 2020.” said the Mayor, Dr Ákos Kriza, at the press conference. “This cooperation will produce only winners. The winners will include, in addition to Bosch, those young people who will acquire a qualification that is sought all over Europe and that provides them with a safe livelihood. However, the biggest winner will be Miskolc as these qualified young people will remain in the city.”

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