



Handwerkskammer
Region Stuttgart



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Israeli Garage Association

Official representative organization

and

Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart,

Federal State of Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Introduction:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel. Today, Germany is Israel's largest trading partner in Europe. The two nations also collaborate in the fields of science, security and counterterrorism, and have developed a unique interest in one another's cultures.

Based on the practical experience gained by members and Meisters from the Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart (HWK) and Israeli professionals in the field of VET around Mr. Stef Wertheimer in an initiative to establish examinations according to the standards of the German Meister qualification in the field of CNC in Israel both sides are willing to cooperate and transfer these experiences to the Israeli professional field of car technology and car mechatronics.

Based on past and present relationships of the Federal State of Baden-Württemberg with Israeli Garage Association (IGA) in the last decade by warm hospitalities for professional IGA delegations. According the IGA proactive international projects in Frankfurt in the field of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Kfz-Innung Hessen for Israeli practical engineer students and youth, inter service training and qualification courses for Israeli professional garage managers, training courses in Kfz-Innung Dresden for the IDF professional officers.

The Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart acknowledges the strong efforts of the IGA in the field of VET and considers supporting to empower it furthermore, under the auspices and support of the Israeli Ministry of Education (MoE), and in respect to the Declaration of Intent signed between the Ministry of Education of the State of Israel and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports Baden-Wuerttemberg, Federal Republic of Germany on the 29th November 2016

I. Area of Interest and Nature of Cooperation:

Both sides have reached a common understanding under a spirit of good will and consider to cooperate.

The areas of cooperation may encompass, but are not limited to the following:

1. The Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart is willing to support and counsel IGA in establishing an Israeli professional board in order to develop a curriculum, assessments, final exams in theory and practice for Israel in the vocational field of car mechatronics, according to German Meister Qualification standards.

To achieve this IGA wants to connect the Israeli Ministries of Education (MoE), Transport (MoT) and Economy (MoEc) in order to ensure their approval of the project and their participation in the above mentioned board with professional delegates.

The Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart aims to bring also German professional input, knowledge and man power into that board. For this reason the Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart will get in contact with the independent German Car Mechatronics Meister Examination Commission.

The above mentioned board aims to develop an Israeli Examination based on German Meister qualification standards which complies to the requirements set up by the Israeli Ministry of Transportation for applicants in order to become professional managers and obtain the right to opening up their own garage.

2. The Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart intends to survey the progress of the above mentioned Israeli vocational training programmes and to accompany and promote their development and implementation.

After the development of an Israeli curriculum and examination according to the German Meister qualification standards the Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart will regard the certification of the Israeli programmes with respect to the German Meister certification.

The Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart is willing to benchmark this Israeli vocational training program to the given standards of the German Meister Qualification and based on a given equal footing of the qualification is willing to certify this – German Meister Certification

3. The certification of equivalence to the German Meister qualification level may be granted to vocational professionals that have undergone vocational training and examination in the 4 fields of Meister qualification:
 - a. Practical knowledge - Meister-level performance of the core work tasks
 - b. Specialised theoretical knowledge
 - c. Business administration, commercial and legal knowledge
 - d. Vocational-pedagogical knowledge.

4. The possibility to assert an International Certificate to participants of the IGA professional trainings issued by MoE, IGA and HWK will be explored under the condition that the participants have a prior training and are either
 - a. technological high school graduates having also three years of professional experience working in automotive industry or aftersales/garage under the supervision of IGA

or
 - b. qualified automotive practical engineers who have received an Israeli diploma from MoE/MoEc and completed a practice semester.


II. Funding

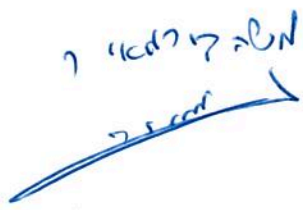
Both sides agree that under no conditions the Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart will be able to finance any part or activity of the cooperation from their own budget. All tasks and supportive activities of the Handwerkskammer Region Stuttgart will need sufficient funding and be rewarded from either the Israeli partners' or third party side.

It is understood that the sharing of information, expertise and best practices in technical education and training between the IGA and HWK will be accorded on a reciprocal basis. The IGA sees in this cooperation also an opportunity to expose and share the HWK in the new developing automotive industry in Israel on the field of green energy in transport fuel substitutes, autonomous vehicle systems, cyber protection and more.

Signed in Stuttgart, Germany, on 29th November 2016


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