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The International School of Hamburg (ISH) invests into the future

### News from the West: ISH celebrates topping-out of “West Wing”

**(Hamburg, 15 January 2015) Delight at Hemmingstedter Weg 130: This afternoon about 100 guests joined the International School of Hamburg in celebrating the topping out ceremony of its new West Wing. The 3.100 sqm-sized new addition to the building will be used for additional lessons and projects after its completion this summer. The project’s total costs of 8.9 million Euro are supported by a 2.4 million Euro investment subsidy by the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.**

The International School of Hamburg continues to grow - not only with regards to its students, but also space-wise. Representatives of various consulates, public authorities, companies and the media were able confirm this in person on Thursday afternoon. Along with the Board of Directors and the school’s staff, parents and students, they celebrated the completion of the new building’s shell with a traditional German Richtfest (topping-out ceremony). As part of the festivities, the companies and workers involved in the construction were appreciated and a topping-out wreath installed at the rooftop.

Dr. Michael Voges, State Council of Hamburg’s Education and Sports authority (Behörde für Bildung und Sport) was invited as the guest of honor. He emphasized the extraordinary significance of ISH: “Germany’s first international school has become increasingly attractive over the years. It started out with 50 students. By now there are 720 and that number is still going up. The International School of Hamburg is an important institution for our city. Hamburg as a dynamic business location keeps growing and therefore needs more and more qualified employees. In a tightly interconnected, global economy a larger share of employees comes from abroad, not seldom for a limited time. Still long enough for the families to join them and here and for sending the kids to a local school.” Thanks to the internationally standardized curricula employed by ISH, the school offers the chance to seamlessly continue one’s education at thousands of schools worldwide, Voges adds.

Speaking on behalf of the ISH, Dr. Anke Frieling, Chair of ISH’s Board of Directors board, welcomed the guests: “The new West Wing helps us alleviate space shortages, but also generates capacities for future growth in student numbers. Thanks to the application of the most modern standards, the extension will be a

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success for our variegated pedagogical work. We started planning this project long ago and are delighted to see it become reality. Of course, this only worked thanks to various supporters, which is why we would like to thank all planners, construction companies and authorities for their great and reliable work. The Senate deserves another big recognition for supporting the project with a crucial financial subsidy. Otherwise the project's realization would have been impossible.”

### **Extension West Wing ISH**

Three-story building extension wing containing 12 class- and laboratory rooms plus an additional gym

Gross building-space:	3.100 sqm
Planning:	BIWERMAU Architekten
General company:	Depenbrock Bau GmbH & CO. KG
Planned opening:	August/September 2015
Total construction cost:	8.9 Million Euro

### **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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