



## **Bosch expands its co-operation with higher education institutions to the Budapest Tech (BMF) In the following two years BMF will be given a project assignment of HUF 15 million from the Bosch Engineering Centre Budapest**

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An agreement was signed in the assembly hall of Budapest Tech, confirming that the Bosch Engineering Centre Budapest commissions the institute to develop a so-called “Smart and Small Car”, i.e. an intelligent mini car.

As Thomas E. Beyer, Hungarian representative of the Bosch Group put it: “It is one of the most significant long term objectives of Bosch to find and support talented students in technical higher education. The present agreement is an important milestone, as we can welcome another dignified institute among our partners, and probably many of its students will later join Bosch as engineers.”

The Vice rector for strategy and science of Budapest Tech also has high expectations for the co-operation.

As he said, the proposal of the Group was highly welcomed by the institution, since it is quite a rare occasion that they can invite applications for such creative tasks that really put even the most talented students through their paces. János Fodor also emphasized that the interest shown by Bosch clearly indicates that the institution provides education of high level and it can offer appropriate basis for co-operation even for the biggest automotive supplier of the world.

The two leaders agreed that Bosch grants HUF 15 million of financial assistance for the project in the following two years, and it also backs the project and the institution with continuous consultation and specialized textbooks. Bosch counts on the creativity and sound theoretical knowledge of the students in connection with the building of the “intelligent mini car”. Bosch also expects the students to perform software and hardware development, choose the components, implement the module and make the design in the course of their work.

In the meantime the students have the possibility to have consultations at the Bosch Engineering Centre Budapest.

In the recent period Bosch has paid significant attention to supporting Hungarian higher education.

Last year it concluded a long term co-operation agreement with the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME). Within the framework of this agreement it donated a Viscom image processor to the university and established a laboratory for automotive electronics in the institution. This year an amount of HUF 75 million was also given to BME, and it opened a new laboratory at the College of Dunaujváros as well. This year has been the first when it has organized a Pneumobil race in Eger, and the second when the Bosch Hungaroring Day has taken place. Over and above it also provides the possibility of several scholarship programmes, probations, and consultations on theses, TDK (Students' Research Conference) and PhD-studies in Budapest, and in the Hatvan and Miskolc plants. In 2005 it established an independent department at the University of Miskolc, which has become the property of the institution this year, and trains the young electrical engineers of the region.

Apart from the technical higher education institutes Bosch also supports several secondary schools and vocational training institutions, and in Hatvan it trains technicians itself together with training institute of the German-Hungarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

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