

Dear Professor Bauer,

In the year 2009 the Executive Board of the *Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V.* decided to set up a medal of honour for “Appreciation of outstanding contributions to the *Chair Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung* and its global and national activities”. Distinguished personalities, who represent the concerns and support the activities of the *Chair of Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung* and especially of the *Centre of Land, Water and Environmental Risk Management* with its postgraduate master programme *Land Management and Land Tenure* and international cooperation activities are decorated with this medal.

Today, it gives me a great pleasure to honour you, Professor Bauer, with our gold medal!

This award is based on your outstanding contributions to the stabilisation of our master programme *Land Management and Land Tenure*, which turns to the elites of the respective countries as a postgraduate programme. You were always decisively responsible for all the financial and moral support in the name of *Bayerischer Bauindustrieverband*. This support allows to carry German knowledge about Land Management and Cadastre into the world and therewith to make a contribution to German investments in foreign countries. No one knows better than you about the importance of legal security of land for protection of investments. I still remember when we had lunch together, as you assured your support and pointed out that you were not expecting any direct benefit for your company or association. However, you were convinced that it would benefit Germany’s reputation and worldwide justice.

But there is another reason why you, Prof. Bauer are an utmost dignified laureate of our medal: You are an example for our future elites from all five continents, an example also for our own staff members and our German students. You correspond to that what is again and again rightly said on occasions like this. Our society lives of people who do more than others. You are an exceptional global entrepreneur. However, you find time and energy for voluntary engagement at universities, associations and parties – for example, you are fighting corruption. That impresses us, that encourages us to follow you on our way and with our options – fighting for a fair and better world!

Once again I would like to sincerely congratulate you on this award and I am pleased to present you with the medal of honour personally.