

# ORDER OF MERIT *bestowed on* **DR. HEINZ ZAHORANSKY**



“What is associated with the name Zahoransky is really honorable”, commented the Minister of State, Willi Stächele, on the work of entrepreneur Dr. Heinz Zahoransky, who received the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, signed by the Federal President Horst Köhler, during a celebratory presentation.

For over 46 years, Heinz Zahoransky, son of the company founder, has formed the 100-year history of today’s ZAHORANSKY AG in Todtnau-Geschwend as director of the company which has over 550 employees today.

After the whole company received the Medal of Citizens 20 years previously, Heinz Zahoransky became an honorary citizen in November, 2005, and has now received the Order of Merit - reason enough for Mr. Stächele to emphasise the special merits of Dr. Zahoransky.

Already in the early 1970s Dr. Zahoransky was making contact with abroad, not only in Spain, where a subsidiary was established in 1973, but also in Japan, India and Peking thereby showing that “one can self-confidently enter into competition”.

He also mentioned that Heinz Zahoransky always felt a duty to the region and the workers and referred to exemplary social care models which had been established already in the 1950s.

The mayor of Todtnau, Andreas Wießner, could also confirm this illustration and the emphasis on social considerations and actions by the loyalty of the employees to the company. In the last five years, eight celebrations have been held, each celebrating a 50 year anniversary.

“This is a great day for Dr. Zahoransky and also for Todtnau, the South Baden region, the Zahoransky Group and naturally, especially for the family Zahoransky,” said son and director of the company, Ulrich Zahoransky, in his speech to the 170 invited guests. Aside from an exceptional understanding of technique and the feeling for the correct realisation of new technologies, he referred to his father’s highest principle: “Serving the customer”.

He emphasised the kindness, patience and openness of his father in his association with employees and remembered also that only his calmness and composure and his great perseverance and single-mindedness allowed him to overcome the company’s crises at the beginning of the 1960’s and the 1980’s. Visibly moved, an emotional Dr. Zahoransky thanked all the guests for the honour and emphasised that the “the honour was not earned alone. A good part belongs to the employees.”