



## Press Release

### Memorial service for long-serving Tübingen University President

**Professor Adolf Theis strengthened University's good reputation internationally and at home for 23 years**

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Tübingen University is holding a memorial service for its retired, long-serving president Professor Adolf Theis on **Saturday, 11 January 2014, 10.30 am at the Stiftskirche (Collegiate Church) in Tübingen.** Professor Theis passed away on 24 December at the age of 80 in Berlin following a short illness.

Theis was a professor of Law. He became President in 1972 at the age of 39 and was to lead Tübingen University for more than two decades, retiring only in 1995. He is remembered for his dedication, farsighted strategies, and a warm leadership style.

Professor Theis helped Tübingen University to become better known internationally. Under his leadership, Tübingen became one of the first German universities to found international study centers in Kyoto and Beijing, and a research center in Brazil. The Adolf Theis Foundation was set up in his honor, promoting international ties between Tübingen University and institutions around the world. The Foundation disburses scholarships and awards to junior researchers from Eastern Europe, Latin America, and from emerging economies generally.

Condolence books will be set up at the Tübingen Bürgeramt (Schmidtorstrasse 4) and at the President's Office (Wilhelmstrasse 5, Monday, 13 January.

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