

Based on the MOU signed between the chancellor of Sharif University of Technology and the chancellor of Aalen University of Applied Science/Germany on December 4, 2005, the following programs are being implemented:

- I. To support students in practical training, a special laboratory and a training plant for "Surface Technology" will be set up in the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering of SUT by the end of September 2006, in close cooperation with several German companies, such as ZEH Metallveredelungs GmbH, Stuttgart (over-all coordinator), Schloetter GmbH, Geislingen (sponsor of training plant and chemistry) and Plating electronic GmbH, Denzlingen, (sponsor of rectifiers).
- II. The Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering of SUT plan to offer a master program in applied surface technology from September 2007. Contents of the course of studies will be defined and held in cooperation with Aalen University of Applied Science/Germany, partner of Sharif University.
- III. The course of studies will be held in classes as well as by e-learning. Stuttgart Media University (HdM) and ZEH Metallveredelungs GmbH are in charge of the didactical editing of all e-learning contents.
- IV. The Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering of SUT will then also support Iranian organisations and industry in non-university vocational training for electroplaters and environmental officers.