

Twin city Toledo visits Coburg



In December 2023 the time had finally come: Under the leadership of Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, a delegation from Toledo, Ohio, traveled to Coburg on a return visit to officially seal the partnership between the two cities. A delegation from Coburg visited Toledo in 2019. The partnership agreement between Toledo and Coburg was signed there in an official act - at that time by the second mayor Birgit Weber. In the Congress Center, this contract between Coburg and Toledo was confirmed by Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, Toledo, and Mayor Dominik Sauerteig, Coburg (see picture on next page).

At the same time as the city contract was signed, an agreement was reached between the schools "Toledo Technology Academy of Engineering" and the "Berufliches Schulzentrum I Coburg". This is intended to strengthen the partnership between the schools for a long time. In a ceremonial setting, Dr. Vandita Prasad, deputy head of the TTA, Gerhard Schmid, head of the Coburg Vocational School Center, Roseanne Martinez of the Toledo German Sister City Committee and Rolf Sander, representative for international projects at BSZ I Coburg, the "Agreement".

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The representatives of the two schools sign the agreement.



The newly signed document is presented "framed" by the two mayors.

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In the Congress Center, the partnership agreement between Coburg and Toledo has now been confirmed by Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, Toledo, and the representatives of the city of Coburg. In their welcoming speeches, both city leaders pointed out the great importance of town twinning. "This is often the initial spark for closer contacts between organizations, clubs and schools. This fully applies to our partnership!" says Mayor Dominik Sauerteig. The picture shows the mayor of Coburg



Stadt Coburg

(center), 2nd mayor Hans-Herbert Harthan (left) and 3rd mayor Can Aydin (right) looking over Wade Kapszukiewicz's shoulder as he enters the Golden Book of the city of Coburg.

The reception in the Congress Center was preceded by an extensive program in the days leading up to it.

Immediately after the guests arrived on Monday, a first meeting with numerous members of the Coburg town twinning association at the Coburg Christmas market was scheduled for the evening. First contacts were quickly made over Coburg beer and other specialties.



We then went to the Munich Hofbräu, where typical Coburg dishes were served.

In the following days we completed an extensive tourist program. The centerpiece was of course Coburg with its historic buildings and some medieval flair. But the old town of Bamberg, the Levi Strauss Museum in Buttenheim and Nuremberg were also on the program.



Through visits to the Coburg companies BROSE and KAESER as well as the Coburg Chamber of Industry and Commerce, the members of the delegation gained a small insight into the Coburg economy.





Since representatives of the Toledo Technology Academy school were also there - among others. Dr. Vandita Prasad, the deputy at TTA – also attended vocational school I at Plattenäcker. The main topic of this visit was of course the continuation of the planned student exchange in spring 2024. Since many hurdles had already been cleared up in numerous preliminary discussions, the focus was primarily on technical questions.



The members of the delegation from Toledo were received by representatives of the Coburg vocational school (pictures on the right and below).

Since the companies KAPP-NILES and KAESER Kompressoren had already been announced for the exchange, the company visit to KAESER came at the right time. Of course, a visit to the training workshop was also on the program. The members of the delegation were all very impressed by the conditions there. Miss Dr. Prasad believed her students were in good hands during their visit to Coburg.

A thank you goes to Andreas Eberwein for the expert tour of the company.



Dr. Vandita Prasad with Dr. Rolf Eberwein (KAESER) during the company tour (picture above) and ...

in the KAESER training workshop together with Jürgen Heeb (picture below).



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