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New Exhibition Highlights Groundbreaking German Inventions

In 1860, German scientist and inventor Johann Philipp Reis was the first to produce a functioning electromagnetic device that could transmit musical notes, indistinct speech, and occasionally distinct speech by means of electric signals. He called his invention "telephone", and the first sentence spoken on it was "Das Pferd frisst keinen Gurkensalat" (the horse doesn't eat cucumber salad).

When Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler invented the automobile in 1886, it was deemed "too loud, too fast and too dangerous." Nowadays, people all over the world use cars as their preferred method of transportation.

German inventions that range from high tech to the more mundane have changed the world and have become such an intrinsic part of modern life that we tend to take it for granted. Yet to this day, more than 30 000 patents each year are of German origin, ranking at number three worldwide.

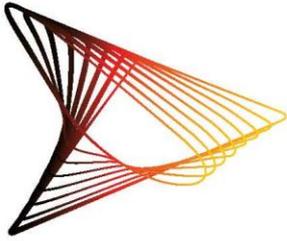
The exhibition "Germany, Land of Inventions" which officially opens on 6 November at Deutsche Schule Jakarta before traveling to Bandung and Surabaya presents groundbreaking inventions from Germany.

The main focus of this interactive exhibition is on historical discoveries and pioneering innovations in the fields of computer science, energy, communication, mobility, medicine, optics and materials.

Another aim of "Germany, Land of Inventions" is to provide more information about Germany as a potential country to study and conduct research. Often, young researchers do not necessarily think about Germany when applying for scholarships or long-term research abroad – due to the language barrier and a lack of knowledge about possibilities and opportunities. This exhibition wants to offer a new perspective to young people worldwide and raise their interest in German language and Germany.

The exhibition will be shown for the first time in Indonesia, before it will tour in Europe, Asia and North and South America from autumn 2015 onwards in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut.





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Germany, Land of Inventions

6 – 27 November
Deutsche Schule Jakarta
Jl. Puspa Widya No. 8
Tangerang, Banten

30 November – 18 December
Gedung Indonesia Menggugat
Jl. Perintis Kemerdekaan No. 5
Bandung

4 – 30 January
Universitas Pembangunan Nasional
Jl. Raya Rungkut Madya
Gunung Anyar
Surabaya

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