



AWARDS TO HAJIME HOSHI DEDICATED FROM GERMANY IN  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A DONATION TO GERMAN CHEMISTRY  
COMMUNITY AFTER THE 1ST WORLD WAR

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In the Hajime Hoshi Memorial Exhibit Hall of Hoshi University, Tokyo, many awards from Germany dedicated to H. Hoshi (1873-1951), the founder of Hoshi University and Hoshi Pharmaceutical Company, are displayed. Hoshi made a donation amounting to about 20 millions dollars to the distressed chemistry science community to Germany just after the 1st World War (1914-1918). He continued to send money to perform the international promise, although he thereafter had hard times economically and personally. The donation produced 3 German Nobel-prizers and gave the scientific society hope to recover, and impressed and delighted the German people. Dr. Friz Harber, a Nobel prizer in chemistry and the person in charge of the committee of Hoshi Fund, visited Hoshi Univeristy at the ceremony for the completion of the main building of Hoshi School, as the presidential envoy. The awards to Hoshi include a Meisen cigarette case from President Ebert, a gold-chained medal from Berlin Technical University, a bronze goddess statue from Germany Academy, a certificate of honorary member of Hamburg Tropical Diseases Institute, a distinguished certificate of Japan-German Cultural Exchange Society, and so on. These items dedicated from Germany strongly reflect the hot spirit of Japan-Germany cultural exchange. My presentation will introduce the details of the awards.