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# Apprenticeships in Mexico successfully completed

## Official award ceremony at Cedual training center / Final exam set by German Chamber of Commerce and Industry

*Puebla, October 26, 2015* – At Schuler’s vocational training center in the Mexican city of Puebla (Centro de Especialización Dual or Cedual for short), the first intake of apprentices have now received their leaving certificates. The official award ceremony was attended by the governor of the Mexican state of Puebla, Rafael Moreno Valle, and the chairman of the supervisory board of Allgaier Werke GmbH, Prof. Dr. Dieter Hundt.

The newly qualified industrial and tool mechanics all passed their German Chamber of Commerce and Industry exams with flying colors. They are the first skilled workers in Mexico to have completed a three-year apprenticeship based on the acclaimed German dual education standard.

The 25 fledgling mechanics have been given a three-year contract to continue working at their respective companies. In addition to Schuler, the companies include the autopart suppliers Allgaier, ThyssenKrupp Presta, ThyssenKrupp Materials, LuK, Gestamp and PWO. All partner firms have facilities in the vicinity. A total of 69 apprentices from 15 different countries currently attend the Cedual training center.

In order to alleviate the shortage of skilled labor in Mexico, the center has been training industrial mechanics in plant and machinery construction and tool mechanics in blanking and forming technologies since 2012. The course is based on the curriculum for apprenticeships in industrial engineering professions.

In addition to the drilling, turning, milling and grinding machines, and numerous work benches, CEDUAL also houses a technical college. As in Germany, there are both theoretical and practical phases during the apprenticeship. German trainers and Mexican teachers instruct the apprentices in an audio-visual lecture theater and three classrooms.

The training costs are borne by the various partner companies. In addition, Cedual receives financial support from the German-Mexican Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Mexican state of Puebla, and the Mexican Ministry of Economics.

As well as providing education for apprentices, Cedual also offers training for the employees of companies in the field of die and press technology, sinker EDM, welding, hydraulics, pneumatics, CNC technology, turning and milling.

## Captions

Bild1.jpg: The first intake of apprentices at Schuler’s vocational training center in Mexico have received their leaving certificates.

Bild2.jpg: The official award ceremony was attended by the governor of the Mexican state of Puebla, Rafael Moreno Valle, and the chairman of the supervisory board of Allgaier Werke GmbH, Prof. Dr. Dieter Hundt.

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