

# Dr. Christian Geltinger

## A bavarian in shandong

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In July, the Bavaria Shandong office celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the German state's official trade cooperation with Shandong Province. Qingdao and Yantai became two of fourteen Special Economic Zones in 1984. The Chinese government was also seeking to raise foreign involvement in areas formerly exposed to other cultures. Because of Qingdao's German heritage and the attractiveness of Shandong for foreign trade, Bavaria expressed intent to swap economic ministries. The liaison office relocated to Qingdao from Jinan in 2004.

Chief Representative Dr. Christian Geltinger describes the office's

activities as "deepening the relationship between the two states, making it easier to enter into mutually-beneficial relationships." Tasks range from 'partnering' firms to eliciting testimonials from firms that have been active in Shandong.

This month Dr. Geltinger will lead a delegation from Shandong to meet with government- and business leaders in the Bavarian capital of Munich. While the international delegation is a good way to build trust in official relationships, Dr. Geltinger believes that more can be done to develop community between both sides. He is excited by the prospect of direct flights between Qingdao and Munich. As

Qingdao becomes a 'gateway' city for Germans coming to Asia, he feels that it would also be wise for the city to invest in its many German heritage sites. He also hopes to draw attention to the relationship by bringing world-famous footballers FC Bayern-München to Shandong for an exhibition match in 2008.

The success of the project over the past twenty years has led the office into a new phase, which Dr. Geltinger greets with a smile. "Taking care of people here should be our main interest," he says. "To keep businesses in Shandong rather than just attract them, and to continuously build an international community in Qingdao."



**dr. geltinger's office is involved in deepening the relationship between bavaria and shandong**

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## DENTAL CORNER

People say "you don't know what you've got til it's gone". That is definitely true for teeth. Not replacing a missing tooth can have serious consequences.

Adjacent teeth become misaligned as they move into the space created by the missing tooth. The person's facial profile can collapse, lips sink and wrinkles increase around the mouth. Fortunately, advanced medical techniques can help us to restore teeth that are no longer where they should

be. Each year, hundreds of thousands of people all around the world benefit from dental implant therapy, from children to adults in their nineties.

Dr David is the member of the International Congress of Oral & Implantologists (ICOI). He has rich experience in orthodontics, prosthodontics and dental implants. To stay up-to-date on the ever growing field of dental implants, Dr David



regularly travels to USA, Hong Kong and Japan. This month we visit with Dr. David to talk about implants.

### What Are Dental Implants?

Dental implants are an alternative to dentures or bridgework for replacing teeth. They are made from titanium and are surgically implanted in the jaw bone. An implant functions like the root of your missing tooth. The surgery is usually done in a dental office, using only local anesthesia. Generally, there is minimal post-operative pain or discomfort.

Dr David evaluates various factors to determine if a person is a candidate for dental implants. Important factors include health conditions (e.g., uncontrolled diabetes) or risk factors (e.g., smoking). The density of a person's jaw bone must be considered, as it can vary from very dense (ideal) to very porous or spongy. These types of conditions may not rule out dental implants, but they must be taken into consideration to be sure they will not compromise successful implant therapy.

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