

## **Christian Ude**

### **Lord Mayor of the City of Munich**

Born in Munich on 26 October 1947, married to the photographer Edith von Welser-Ude. 1967 *Abitur* School Leaving Certificate at Oskar von Miller Grammar School, then editorial trainee and member of the editorial staff of the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, studies in law.

From 1978 to 1990 practised as self-employed lawyer.

2 May 1990 election to Vice Mayor, since 12 September 1993 Lord Mayor of Munich. Head of Departments of Urban Planning and Building Regulations, Culture, Labour and Economic Development, Personnel and Organisation. Director of the Commission for City Development.

President of the Supervisory Board of Stadtwerke München GmbH (public works), Messe München GmbH (trade fair company), public utility housing companies GWG and Gewofa and Olympiapark GmbH, Münchner Volkshochschule (Munich Adult Education Centres) and Bundesgartenschau 2005 GmbH (Horticultural Show). City representative on the Supervisory Board of Flughafen München GmbH. Chairman of the Committees of the Munich Transport and Tariffs Association, MVV, and of the Administrative Council of the Stadtparkasse (municipal savings bank).

Since 2 June 2005 President of the German Association of Cities and Towns, since 12 July 1996 first Vice Chairman of the Bavarian Association of Cities and Towns.

Honorary Citizen of the Island of Mykonos (since 2001) and of the town of Pulumur, Eastern Turkey (since 2005). Since 2004 Visiting Professor at Nankai University, Tianjing, China.