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AHLSTRÖM CAPITAL DONATES 250 000 EUROS TO UNIVERSITIES

Ahlström Capital makes donations to three top universities to support national research and education. Hanken School of Economics, Aalto University and Åbo Akademi University will receive a donation worth 250 000 euros altogether.

“Science and high-quality education promote the growth of economy and employment. Strong universities, such as Hanken School of Economics, Aalto University and Åbo Akademi University, are needed so that Finland can be internationally competitive also in the future. Therefore we make donations to these universities”, says Ahlström Capital’s President & CEO Hans Sohlström.

Through said donation, the decision of which was made in the annual general meeting on April 5, the Ahlström family wish to, via their investment company Ahlström Capital, contribute to the development of the international competitiveness and high-level education in Finland. The Ahlström family has actively supported education in Finland already from the times of forefather Antti Ahlström, when Ahlström, as a member of the Diet of Finland, made great efforts to develop the elementary school system in the 1870s. Walter Ahlström’s foundation was founded in 1926 to support postgraduate studies of young graduate engineers. The foundation supports on an yearly basis postgraduates as well as the research in wood processing industry, electrical engineering, power industry and metal industry. In 2016, Walter Ahlström’s foundation donated altogether 375 000 euros.

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