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## German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2008

by Helene Rang

On 28 May 2008, 300 guests passed through the gates of the Kronprinzenpalais for the NUMOV German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2008. The tables were soon abuzz with lively conversation, which only seized for the speeches of the evening. Initially, all guests were warmly



H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Honorary Chairman of NUMOV

Gala Event 2008, located in the heart of Berlin. Host of this year's German Near and Middle Gala Event was Emirates Airlines, one of the best airlines worldwide.

The guests were able to meet with NUMOV-members, ambassadors, or representatives of several ministries. Members of a high-ranking government delegation from Iraq were also present at the evening. The Iraqi delegation was led by H.E. Hadi Al Hairi, State Secretary in Iraq's Ministry of Trade.

welcomed by Henry Hasselbarth, Vice-President for North and Central Europe of Emirates Airlines, and member of the Board of the German Orient Foundation. He thanked the Board of NUMOV for making the association to a very resourceful and successful organisation and expressed his pride in acting as the host for the NUMOV German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2008. He recalled the fact that Emirates has purchased a large number of Airbus aircraft, including the new Airbus A380. Models of the A380 jet in Emirates colours could be admired on

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