

Introduction by Program Manager Babette Wehrmann

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen!

Chairwomen of the university council, President of the university, Dean of Faculty, President of the Civil Engineering Chamber, representatives of the Prime Ministry and state authorities, estimated sponsors, dear friends and last but not least dear graduates welcome to our graduation ceremony!

I am very delighted that you spend your valuable time with us this afternoon to celebrate the graduation of the third year. Many of you have accompanied today's graduates in one or another way: by teaching, being their supervisor during the internship, organizing excellent field trips or by helping with daily matters. But most of you did more than that: you shared your culture, exchanged ideas, and maybe inspired each other. Thanks to all of you.

Many of those who could not come asked me to deliver their regards and congratulations: Prof. Stilla, Prof. Strobl, Dr. Zülsdorf, Florian and Judith all wish you a successful future. They enjoyed having you as their students and would like to remain in contact with you. And this definitely holds for all of us being here to say good buy – and see you again.

For you – as master students – it hopefully has been a successful, inspiring year which you will keep as a nice memory. It is not easy to have good memories after such a year: you encounter many challenges which all have to be successfully managed:

- There is a tremendous study load which is difficult to handle after years in the office.
- There are so many different cultures and personalities to deal with.
- There are times where you feel home sick or where you simply like to inhale the smell of your own country, to taste the food of your home country or to talk in your own language.

On the other hand you have been showered by opportunities to enjoy life. Better than any class we have seen before, you have been one group. Where ever you went, soon people knew that you are the once from TU Munich. Although things have been difficult sometimes, I hope that you always remember these times where you have been together, where you have been friends. With the following presentation, I would like to bring good memories back to your mind and also to share them with our guests [video-show].