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gesprochene Wort*

**Grußwort Dr. Paul Fischer anlässlich der
Graduation Ceremony 2006 des Master
Studiengangs *Land Management and Land
Tenure* am 29.03.2006, 17.00 Uhr, in der
Technischen Universität München (Saal 0790)**

Vice-President Dr. Keidel, Prof. Magel,
Dr. Wehrmann, dear graduates, Ladies and
Gentlemen,

It is a great honour and special pleasure for me to represent the Bavarian State Chancellery here today and to participate in today's graduation ceremony.

First of all, let me thank you for having chosen Bavaria for your studies. I hope you have had a pleasant stay in Munich. I also hope that you have already personally experienced the motto of the forthcoming FIFA Soccer World Cup in Germany: "Zu Gast bei Freunden".

I have been deeply impressed by the presentations of your Master's Theses, by their contents and the way you have tackled topics reaching from "surface mining in Ghana" and "land use planning in Bangladesh" to "property titles in Chile" and "cadastral data modelling in Kenya".

So let me convey to you, on behalf of the Bavarian State Chancellery, my heartfelt congratulations to you on your outstanding personal achievements. I would also like to congratulate Prof. Magel, Dr. Wehrmann and her supervisor colleagues for their successful work. And I think there is also every reason to congratulate the Technical University of Munich on this prestigious and truly international Master's Program. I also convey to you the good wishes of the head of the Bavarian State Chancellery, State Minister Eberhard Sinner, who is the official interlocutor of the Bavarian State Government for NGO's in Bavaria and who clearly appreciates your work for development and peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You may ask: Why does the Bavarians State Chancellery come here to congratulate us? What has the executive office of the Bavarian Minister-President to do with the Master's Program of the Department of Land Management and Land Tenure? The answer is easy. It is all about sustainable development, international cooperation, people-to-people exchange and the dialogue between cultures in this one world. It is

about long-term investment, not short-term prosperities.

And you, dear Graduates, who come from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, are the young representatives, the future managers, educators and decisions makers who embody these aims and objectives, which are also dear to the Bavarian State Government in its cooperation with developing, threshold and transitioning countries.

In order to conduct a sustainable “policy for future generations” the Bavarian Minister-President initiated in 2002 the Regional Leaders Conference, a regional network of partner regions of Bavaria around the world such as California, Québec, Upper Austria, Shandong, The Western Cape and São Paulo. Among issues such as renewable energies, environment protection, professional training, the issue of rural development is an important integral part in the deliberations of this high-level conference.

Thanks to the commitment of Prof. Magel and his colleagues and yourselves the Bavarian competence and know-how in the field of land management and rural development has gained

worldwide reputation. It has even found the attention of UN General-Secretary Kofi Annan, who in a recent conversation with Mr. Alois Glück, the President of the Bavarian Parliament, acknowledged the Bavarian approach as an interesting contribution to UN development strategies.

I'm convinced that the results and the findings of your research will add to this good reputation of Bavaria. Above all of course they will be of great benefit to the development of your home countries. Last but not least I am confident that such international programs give us the chance to successfully shape a common future in this ONE WORLD.

So, again congratulations to you all on your fine work and best of luck and success for your future private und professional life.

And since there is no success story without good team work, let me present your excellent team manager, Prof. Magel, with this official white + blue soccer ball.