

Graduation Ceremony 2010
Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure
Academic Period 2008 - 2010

Speech by the Chairman of the Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V., Mr. Senator E.h. Gerhard Hess, March 22nd 2010, 10hrs.

Dear Vice Dean Prof. Dr. Uwe Stilla,

Dear Mr. Programme Director Prof. Dr. Holger Magel,

Dear Mr. Christian J. Hegemer (Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung)

Dear Mr. Bodo Richter (GTZ),

Dear Mr. Willi Zimmerman,

Dear graduates, dear students, dear friends of the Technische Universität München and the Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure,

Another successful academic period of the international postgraduate master's course has come to an end, and we are thus gathered here today to celebrate that a wonderful group of professionals has achieved the degree of Master of Science in Land Management and Land Tenure.

As Chairman of the Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V. and Managing Director of the Bayerische Bauindustrieverband e.V., I am very happy to be part of this important occasion.

It is a pleasure to congratulate the young professionals who graduate today!

Furthermore, I would like once again to congratulate TUM's Chair of Land Management, for the excellent work you accomplish every year with this master's programme.

Aspects such as infrastructure and housing development, secure rights and access to land and related resources are prerequisites for sustainable development and hence for the welfare of a society. These topics are thus central issues for this master's programme and for our Förderkreis.

From its very beginning, our Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V. has therefore supported the course through various financial initiatives, personal support and political lobbying.

Our supportive activities range from promoting research and granting scholarships to students, to promoting symposia as well as field trips for educational or research purposes.

I guarantee you that the diverse support provided to the three-semester Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure at TUM's Chair of Land Management will continue being our topmost priority.

Over 90 professionals from 35 countries have already completed the Master's Course – indeed a success in itself - but even more considering the growing international demand for professionals able to deal with the global challenges of Land Policy development and implementation, Good Land Governance and Environmental Risk Management.

Dear graduates, we must face these challenges and deal with them in the appropriate manner. We have to engage in key issues such as education and capacity building, providing security of tenure, development of infrastructure and sound urban as well as rural development. We rely on you and in your capacities for assisting all our countries in the achievement the Millennium Development Goals.

I am sure that as Alumni of the Master's Programme, you will assume the role of facilitators of such relevant tasks in countries all over the world. Thus, we can be confident that the Chair of land Management and our Förderkreis contribute significantly to an effective collaboration among experts, development institutions and also the German and Bavarian private sectors.

Sustainable land management, effective implementation of land policies in accordance with good land governance principles will continue to be common tasks beyond national borders in the future. You can be sure that our Förderkreis will continue supporting land management and policy projects, and will continue to be deeply committed to ensuring that young professionals, like yourselves, contribute actively to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Dear graduates, please allow me to congratulate you once more and to ensure you that we will keep working hard so that other young professionals are able to come to Munich to study at the Technische Universität München. I sincerely hope that you also actively assume the responsibilities which come along with a high level professional development such as the one you have undertaken. I wish you all the best and hope to see you again in Munich or elsewhere.

Dear graduates, dear students, dear friends of the Technische Universität München and the Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure,

Today it is also my pleasure to congratulate the winners of the Medal "For a Fair World" awarded by our Förderkreis this time to three outstanding professionals who, through their daily work, are deeply committed to increasing fairness and welfare in our world.

The winners of the Medal "for a fair world" are:

- Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk
- Dr. Peter Jahnke
- Sparkassendirektor Georg Bromme

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk

Der Vorstand des Förderkreises beschließt, die Ehrenmedaille in Gold des Förderkreises Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V. an Herrn Univ.-Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk zu verleihen. Die Auszeichnung erfolgt aufgrund der herausragenden Verdienste um die Stabilisierung des Masterstudiengangs Land Management and Land Tenure und die langjährige Betreuung der Module Land Rights and Land Tenure und Land Economics. Dies als Tutor und vielfacher Lecturer. Herr Univ.-Prof. Dr. Michael Kirk setzt sich stets vorbildlich für die Belange der Internationalisierung des Lehrstuhls für Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung sowie die Betreuung von Studenten ein.

Vorstandsvorsitzenden der Kreissparkasse Miesbach –Tegernsee Direktor Georg Bromme

Der Vorstand des Förderkreises beschließt, die Ehrenmedaille des Förderkreises Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung München e.V. in der Ausführung „Gold“ an Herrn Direktor Georg Bromme zu verleihen. Die Auszeichnung erfolgt aufgrund der herausragenden Verdienste von Herrn Georg Bromme um die langjährige Förderung und Stabilisierung des internationalen postgraduierten Masterstudiengangs Land Management and Land Tenure sowie für die ständige bayerisches Land und Kultur nahebringende Unterstützung von Exkursionen der Masterstudenten.

MR a.D. Dr.-Ing. Peter Jahnke

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