



Opening Ceremony 2009 of the
Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure
Welcome words by Jorge Espinoza, Programme Manager

Dear Prof. Magel,

Dear Mr. Dean Prof. Vogt,

Dear Mr. Geierhos,

Dear Mr. Riedel,

Dear Students of the 2009 Intake,

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, good morning and welcome to the opening Ceremony 2009 of our Master's Programme.

We deeply regret to announce that our master's programme has lost one of its participants; Mrs. Thais Kaloubek from Brazil.

Thais passed away on 4th of October 2009, after being in coma for almost 40 days as a result of cancer.

She was a lawyer by profession and joined our programme in 2007. After finishing one semester she had to go to Brazil for getting the appropriate treatment. She was on a leave since then, but she always showed her desire to come back to Germany to conclude her studies.

We are extremely moved as she was such an extraordinary person.

Our condolences and sympathy go to her husband, family and friends.

We will certainly always remember her.

Before we carry on with our Ceremony, I would like to dedicate her a moment of silence.

Thank you very much

It is my pleasure to welcome you today to the Opening Ceremony 2009 of TUM's Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure.

Today we celebrate that 13 new students are joining our programme.

First of all, allow me to express our gratitude to our sponsors for their valuable support:

- To TUM and our Faculty
- To the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD
- To the Hanns Seidel Foundation
- To the Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung and its members.
- To the Bavarian Construction Industry Association
- To the Bavarian State Chancellery
- And to all other persons and institutions who support our programme in so many different ways.

Thank you so much for your endless support.

Since the beginning, our Programme has been committed to the main goal of providing high quality education and training for land management professionals. As a result of this commitment, today we are also part of numerous international cooperation initiatives with partners in Cambodia, Mongolia, China, the Philippines and Palestine. Furthermore, in the context of this collaboration we have established new international partnerships, for example, with ITC in the Netherlands and UN Habitat's Global Land Tool Network, of which we are now official academic partner.

All these collaborations do not only demonstrate our commitment to the internationalization of TUM and our Centre and to providing our support where it is needed, but also our work for becoming a much appreciated partner in the field of land management in Germany and abroad.

In this context, the hard work of our team and our partners has been essential; and also our Alumni Network has certainly played a key role.

Dear students,

I can assure you that your time at TUM and in Germany will provide you with knowledge and skills which will present you a whole set of new choices.

I would like to encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities as much as you can and I sincerely wish you all the best in this undertaking.

And now I would like to introduce the audience to the students of the 2009 Intake: