

Welcome Speech by Prof. Dr. Albrecht, Dean of Faculty
Opening Ceremony des Master's Program Land Management and Land Tenure,
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very delighted to welcome the second group of students participating in our Master's Program Land Management and Land Tenure. I am very pleased to see the increasing number of students showing interest in this program; also representing the growing support of foundations such as DAAD and Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung.

The faculty of civil engineering and surveying is very happy to contribute to the qualification of future experts in the field of land management via the Master's Program. I would like to thank all who contributed to make this program a successful one. I want to express my gratitude to GTZ, DAAD, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung and Nürnberger Versicherungsgruppe – our four main partners in this program: providing scholarships, contributing financially and supporting the program with the qualified input of many of their experts. I am also very pleased that more than a dozen chairs from different faculties are participating in the Master's Program. I want to thank all chairs for this common effort. My final thanks goes to Prof. Magel, Mrs. Wehrmann and their team for their initiative.

This Master's Program represents an important step in the internationalisation of our university. During the last year we could see that this program adds many positive aspects to the life at our university. Students and lecturers from different parts of the world contribute with new ideas and perspectives to science and teaching at our university and establish friendships with our German students as well as lecturers.

Dear students, I hope that your expectations will be fulfilled and that you will acquire the skills you need to be able to make a contribution to the development of your country after you return to Africa, Asia, Europe or North America. It will be in our interest to stay in contact with you when you go back to your country. We would like to exchange experience with you and to further deepen your knowledge on actual trends on land management. Therefore, today should not only be the beginning of your academic year in Munich but also of a long lasting relationship between you and TUM.

I now wish you an intensive, profitable and enjoyable stay at our university and especially at our faculty.