

Lodz, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

*Dear students*

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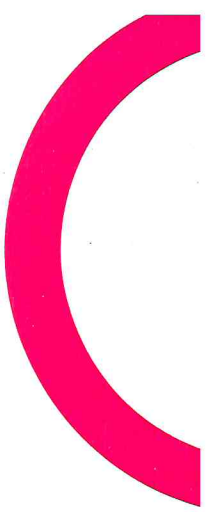
I am pleased to welcome You at the doorstep of Academic Lodz. I would like to congratulate You for choosing Lodz as a place to acquire knowledge and skills. I am convinced that youthful curiosity and energy will be the driving force for Your activities and leverage for future successes. At the beginning of the new academic year, I wish You studies full of inspirations and broadening horizons.

With the beginning of October You will start new stage of Your life. You will become a part of academic community that engage identity of our city. You will gain the opportunity to study at the highest level, thanks to the excellent lecturers and perfect infrastructure.

As a mayor of the City of Lodz I attach great importance to education of young people. Future and development of our city are inextricably linked with the progress of science. That is why we focused our activities on the development of Lodz, as the city based on knowledge, innovation and putting on new technologies, but most of all as a good place to live and work for young talented people.

For the benefits of You we created "Young in Lodz" programme. Its main goal is to encourage young people to bind their future with Lodz and create a positive image of our city. In cooperation with the largest universities and leading employers thanks to the "Young in Lodz" programme we implement such activities as: training and internship portal, scholarship programme, free trainings, discount card or competition for young entrepreneurs. Within the programme there are also provide the City of Lodz scholarships for the first-year students, who are the winners of the national contests and doctoral students. More information You can find on official website of the "Young in Lodz" programme: [www.mlodziwlodzi.pl](http://www.mlodziwlodzi.pl).

Lodz is a creative city full of attractions and a great place to live in. It is a city, that after the decline of textile industry has focused on technological advances, creative




industries, development of fashion, design and art. Because of that changes, nowadays Lodz can offer You a variety of attractions including well known festivals, concerts, international sporting events, as well as pubs and clubs where You will spend great time and rest. Furthermore, Lodz offers You many other interesting forms of entertainment.

I wish that the new academic year will be the time of dialogue and cooperation between universities, businesses and local authorities. Since the future of science is our common weal, we have to develop it together.

I am convinced that October the 1<sup>st</sup> will be the beginning of the most beautiful stage of Your life. Still Lodz is the best place to study and career start!

*Best wishes*



**Hanna ZDANOWSKA**