

Excellencies Ambassadors,  
Respected Embassy Representatives,  
Honorary Consuls,  
Rector Prof. Bodis and Dean Prof. Miseta,  
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Welcome to Pécs and welcome to our annual festivity, which for us students and also for our Medical School and the University of Pécs, is always something very special.

As honorary president of the student council, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you to International Evening 2011.

This week Germany and the christian-jewish association are celebrating the „week of brotherliness“ with the motto

„live together – listen to each other“.

This celebration is to remind of and to strengthen the friendship between two religions.

We, at our medical school, do not only have different religions but in every way different and diverse cultures, each with their own historical backgrounds.

We do not only demonstrate, but live a peaceful co-existence and we do listen to each other.

Let us have the opportunity tonight to show you and politicians in Budapest, Brussels, Berlin, Washington and all over the world, that co-existence is working on university level, even though, all the nations are guests themselves in a foreign country.

We do not forget what has happened or is happening in Japan and in North Africa. On the contrary; we especially want to take this opportunity and remind each other of Brotherliness in these days.

Our thoughts are with those who are suffering.

The money, which will be collected tonight, is going to three different charities.

Already last year we were happy to collect 1,6 million forint for the clinic of pediatrics, and they were able to renovate some rooms for the little patients.

This year, our aim is to collect money for a new medical instrument for the clinics of neonatology, pediatrics and ophthalmology.

Also, we collect money for the people of Japan's tragedy and for a charity organization launched by some of our former students, who work together with African organizations and help them to stabilize, grow and become independent.

It is often said that one of the best things about being in Pécs is that you are truly part of a representative mixed community. Students from more than 54 countries are represented at our faculty in the European Capital of Culture of the year 2010.

We are grateful that we are allowed to study at this Hungarian medical school and that Hungary makes it possible for us to achieve our dreams to become medical doctors.

Have a very nice evening and maybe even a little journey through some cultures tonight – it might be your quickest holiday in a lot of different countries at the same time.

Thank you!

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International Evening 2011*