

Respected professors,  
dear fellow students,  
ladies and gentlemen of the press,  
Jó napot kívánok!

The traditional International Evening has been a great success once again!

Starting 17 years ago with not more than 100 guests, this year more than 2500 national and international students as well as citizens of the city of Pécs came together to enjoy 25 country-tables with delicious self made food and numerous stage-performances that lasted until 5 o'clock in the morning - everything organized and arranged by fellow students.

For all of us, it has been the quickest holiday in a lot of different countries at the same time.

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 listen to each other.

This important everyday peaceful co-existence of international students in a foreign country, we were once again able to proof at this special event. Ambassadors and embassy representatives from Budapest gave us the honor and were witnesses of this important message.

The integration and acceptance of foreign students by the Hungarian community is not only proven at an event like this, but was also shown in 2010 by the Hungarian Student Council and the leadership of this Medical School, when they gave international students the right to vote in the highest committee of this medical school - the board of the faculty.

In this matter, the Medical School of the University of Pécs, is unique and is the only University with international programs, which gave places to foreign students in their faculty council. They set an important message and example in Hungary.

The money, which we have collected, is going to three different charities. Already last year at International Evening 2010 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 was and we achieved the goal, to collect two-and-a-half-million Forint for an ophthalmoscope - a new medical instrument for the clinics of neonatology, pediatrics and ophthalmology.

Also, together with the representing students, we collected 450.000 Forint for the people of Japan's tragedy and another 450.000 Forint for a charity organization for children, launched by some of our former students, who work together with South African organizations and help them to stabilize, grow and become independent.

The donation collected by the students of more than 54 countries living together in the European Capital of Culture of the year 2010, is also a sign of appreciation towards Hungary and towards this outstanding medical school for making it possible for us to become medical doctors.

Thank you once again to everybody who was involved in organizing International Evening 2011 and to everybody who donated money for our charity projects.

Let us continue the every-year tradition of International Evening, but more important, let us continue to tolerate and except each other, so that we can carry on living in this peaceful multi-cultural co-existence at our medical school.

Köszönöm szépen!

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