

Welcome speech by *Richard Hindls*, President of the University of Economics, Prague (VSE), Czech Republic

Esteemed participants in the 3rd Eduniversal Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great honour, and pleasure, to welcome you, in the name of the University of Economics, Prague, on the occasion of the 3rd Eduniversal Convention. Please allow me to briefly introduce our university. The University of Economics is one of the most important universities in the Czech Republic; indeed it is a university of great significance in Europe, bearing, as it does, the hallmark of quality in European tertiary education in the sphere of economics.

Our University has six faculties – five in Prague and one in Jindřichův Hradec, South Bohemia. It is composed of about 21000 students who are served by more than 700 academic staff as well as about 500 non-academic staff. It has been awarded the ECTS label – as the prime university in the Czech Republic.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are very proud to have the opportunity of organising the Eduniversal Convention. We shall do our best to ensure the success of this prestigious conference. I wish you many interesting and fruitful discussions. I believe that our distinguished guest's speech will be received with great interest by our participants. Last, but not least, I also wish you a pleasant stay in Prague, a city that is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in Europe, as well as being among the most visited cities on the continent.

Thank you for your attention.