

**Mayor, Headmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

This Schoolyear opening ceremony is particularly important event for us, because one year ago we committed ourselves to a long-term collaboration which we hope will contribute to the improvement of the job situation in the Northern region of Hungary and to its increasing competitiveness.

As you might be aware, Bosch has been present in the city since 2001, and has now become one of the largest employers in the region. Thanks to the rapid pace of global technical development, ongoing product development and a constantly-expanding manufacturing portfolio, we have a continuous need for staff with special skills and professional experience, across a range of qualification from primary school to university. That is why, as well as encouraging engineering studies, we want to support the training of technicians and skilled workers so that they come out with the highest and most relevant skills.

We contracted an agreement with Miskolc a year ago, which lays the foundations for a strategic partnership aimed at revamping basic and secondary vocational education to train technicians and skilled workers with up-to-date knowledge and practical skills.

After the one-year preparation now, the “Bosch classes” are going to start in the Andrásy Gyula Secondary School. The class will specialize in the training of skilled production machinery operators and mechatronic technicians. We will help with international level knowledge and skills, and students will have the chance to work on placements in our technologically advanced Miskolc plants. Our joint objective together with the city of Miskolc and the secondary school is to produce a flexible range of vocational training, draw up the most advanced teaching materials and produce practical-centred training that puts its students through it at a major advantage on the labour market. Depending on its current labour demand, Bosch is also prepared to provide graduating students with long-term employment opportunities that set them on dependable careers.

We are proud that, as one of the largest employers and investors in the region, we can contribute with specialist skills and teaching workshops to the revitalisation of training in the region. We have laid the foundations of our joint work, and now we can get down to practical action. We hope that more and more young people will join our technical training, and that the best skilled workers and technicians in the region will come out of the “Bosch classes”. Technical experts, who have done most of their practice at Bosch and for whom we can provide real carrier path either as a specialis or as a leader.

Finally let me wish a lot of success to every student.

Thank you for your kind attention.

