

## LETTER OF CONGRATULATION

Dear President, Dear Prof. Dr. Ochirkhuyag,

On the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National University of Mongolia I am sending today my sincere congratulations to you and to your University, combined with my very best wishes for a successful future of National University of Mongolia.

Anniversaries are always a good occasion to look back on the achievements in the past. And looking back at the relation between our Universities means looking back to a success story.

Our two universities are linked by a partnership that goes back decades. Fifty-five years have now passed since the first agreement was signed in 1967 – and that is a great achievement in the international area, because it is truly not a matter of course for a university partnership to last for more than half a century.

I consider it as fortune that we have always succeeded, even in times of great social changes, in filling our relation with life through a variety of measures. The first German-Mongolian expedition to the Mongolian steppe was held in 1962. Since then, numerous scientists and students from our universities have visited the respective partner institution and gained valuable experience. Many personal friendships have also developed over the years.

A university partnership can only be successful if there are university members on both sides who are convinced of the benefits of these contacts and who are willing to commit themselves to their further development. Because the relations have always been valuable for the teaching, research and capacity building of both universities, there have been a large number of committed participants in Ulaanbaatar and Halle over the decades. Rest assured that Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg will remain committed to promoting our partnership also in the future.

On behalf of the Rectorate and all professors of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg please let me express once again my warmest wishes to National University of Mongolia. We are profoundly grateful to you and to all the members of National University for our partnership. May your University look ahead to many prosperous years in which you will reach your goals envisioned and may our partnership grow even more in future.

Prof. Dr. Claudia Becker

Rector

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