

## **Speech of the Dean of the Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies of STU, prof. Ing. Ivan Kotuliak, PhD.**

Dear graduates of doctoral studies,

It is my honor to welcome you at the graduation ceremony, in your case a third one, at the Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava.

I am glad that you have decided to continue your studies after successfully completing your Master studies, and thus earning the title of *philosophiae doctor* in the field of informatics.

The significance of informatics as a scientific field is in its transdisciplinarity, through which it has become an inseparable part of everyday life. We cannot imagine the flow of economy, healthcare or even day-to-day life without information and communication technologies. Due to the shortage of experts in the field of informatics and communication technology, the demand of such experts is enormous. Because of that, I am very glad that you have chosen this field for your profession.

It pleases me that you chose studies at the Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies for your future career and achieved the highest level of education and thus you can continue with research and educational activities, and actively contribute to the creation of a future for us all.

I cordially congratulate you and wish you many accomplishments in both your professional and personal life.