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Dear participants of the International Green Technolympics!

We live in a time when the environment around us and the preservation and conservation of its limited resources are essential. Not only we observe that, but we also create the environment in which we want to live harmoniously. Therefore, I welcome Your initiative and aspire to participate in the International Green Technolympics, which will be held in Klaipėda on January 8 - 9, 2020!

The theme is chosen for the International Green Technolympics - „5R” - Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, Replace and Refuse - are meaningful words that must accompany us every day. Klaipeda University is a higher education institution, which aims to educate not only good specialists in their fields but also honest and responsible citizens. I believe that by educating the younger generation, we can change the public perception of the good and contribute to a change in the environment in which we live.

Today, one of the most important environmental problems - the steady increase in consumption and its consequences - is evident: increasing waste, pollution during production, the constant need for resources and their increasing use. People are caught in a constant circle of consumption where we use everything - even what we really don't need. And only together can we change this situation!

We need to understand that Green Growth is not just about sounding fashion words. It is the process upon which the quality of life of all of us depends. By actively engaging in the implementation of Green Growth, we not only create a friendly environment for ourselves but also develop our professional competencies and expand our knowledge base. And only with sufficient theoretical knowledge of green growth and green technologies will we be able to put them into practice and contribute to the environment that we all dream of.

By strengthening our green competencies, we not only create an environment in which to live, but also create closer collaboration between students, students and businesses in regions of interest to the South Baltic Program.

Congratulations to all motivated and ambitious participants of the International Technolympics, which we welcome not only from Lithuania, but also from Poland, Germany, Sweden and Denmark! Thank You for answering to this meaningful green Technolympics “5R” call!

Once again, I want to congratulate You on Your determination and initiative, and wish You every success in creating a friendly environment in which everyone lives! Stay civic, remain ambitious, and pursue Your goal consistently - this is the only way we can change the prevailing habits of society for the better.

This is how we all win and good luck to You!