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Olgierd Dziekoński, Secretary of State**

Ladies and Gentlemen, Entrepreneurs and Representatives of the world of science gathered at the Poland Day in Silicon Valley,

Dear Colleagues,

I convey sincere appreciation for US-Polish Trade Council, the organizer of Poland Day in Silicon Valley. Your activity during the last thirteen years is the best evidence of how much we can achieve in developing a cooperation of Poles in the country with the Polish diaspora. You have acted for the development of the country, and also for the successes of Poles living abroad.

Poland Day in Silicon Valley is a particularly valuable initiative of bringing Poland closer to the cradle of the world's innovation and technological development in Silicon Valley, along with acquainting international leaders in Silicon Valley to the magnitude of the value and talent of our country. Numerous initiatives of entrepreneurial Poles and their companies not only continue the development of technical ideas, but also pave their directions. US-Polish Trade Council operates effectively to consolidate the place and importance of Poland and its achievements in the minds of business and research partners in the U.S. and in global markets.

Technological progress coupled with the evolution of mobility occurring in recent years, changes our lives and the way we perform daily activities. Internet of Things can completely change the way we communicate with the surrounding reality, the way we learn and conduct business. In Poland and in Europe, there is more and more investment in the development of technologies for Smart City. Smart City is a response to many towering problems faced by small cities and metropolitan centers. It seems that the direction in which technology is moving, is a world where everything you can imagine will be connected to the Internet. This creates plenty of opportunities for businesses and consumers. It also creates risks to privacy and secure storage of sensitive data.

I wish to all of the participants of this year's Poland Day in Silicon Valley, intense deliberations so that all of you will be able to identify your opportunities and eliminate eventual risks. But most of all, I wish the creative atmosphere, which always characterizes meetings of Poland Day in Silicon Valley.

With sympathy,
Olgierd Dziekoński

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