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Dear finalists of the 2010 Galileo Masters,
dear friends of satellite navigation,
Ladies and Gentlemen!

Welcome

Welcome to the Award Ceremony for the 2010 Galileo Masters Competition!

Satellite navigation has great future potential

This year it is once again a great pleasure for me to assume the **patronage** for the Galileo Masters Competition and I am delighted to again have the opportunity to take part in the award ceremony.

Satellite navigation is a matter of great importance to me. It combines technological excellence with enormous potential for the future.

Residence: 600 years of Bavarian history

On behalf of the **Bavarian State Government**, I welcome you to the former **Residence** of the Bavarian dukes, princes, electors and kings. The **Residence** embodies about six centuries of not only Bavarian history, but also German and European history.

**Welcome to
participating
regions**

It is the ideal place to honour excellent technical achievements from Bavaria and other regions in Europe.

I would like to extend a special welcome to the **representatives of the 21 regions participating** in the 2010 Galileo Masters.

It is good to see that the competition now attracts such a positive response worldwide beyond the borders of Germany and Europe.

So a big welcome to the **delegations from Taiwan, the USA, the MENA region (Middle East/North Africa) and Israel.**

And a hearty Bavarian “Grüss Gott” to our **European neighbours** from

- the **United Kingdom and Ireland,**
- the regions of **Valencia, Madrid** and **Gipuzkoa** in Spain,
- **Nice-Sophia Antipolis** and **Aquitaine in France,**
- **Lombardy,**

- **Prague,**
- **South Holland,**
- **the region of Öresund in Denmark/Sweden**
- as well as from Switzerland and Lithuania.

Welcome to Munich!

Welcome to Bavaria!

Last but not least, I also welcome the **German participants** from the states of **Hesse, Lower Saxony, Baden-Württemberg** and **North Rhine-Westphalia.**

And of course my very special greetings go to our participants from **Bavaria.**

Number of regions and ideas still increasing

This is already the seventh time that the Anwendungszentrum Oberpfaffenhofen (Applications Center in Oberpfaffenhofen) has organised this ideas competition, which now spans the whole globe. Not only has the **number of participating regions** increased to 21 since last year.

But the number of ideas submitted is also once again higher than in the year before.

We have now reached as many as **360 entries** from **44 countries!**

That is a fantastic success! My heartiest congratulations to the **Applications Center in Oberpfaffenhofen.**

The **international jury** therefore faced the difficult task of identifying the best ideas from the large number submitted and then picking an overall winner.

I think it has done an excellent job.

**Thank-you to the
organiser of the
competition**

I am very pleased that the **Applications Center in Oberpfaffenhofen** organises and implements the “Galileo Masters Competition” with great energy and dedication.

Let me thank **Mr. Rudolph**, the Managing Director of the Applications Center, and his whole team for their great commitment.

I hope you will organise the competition again next year.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Galileo on the right track

Important steps were taken this year in paving the way ahead for the **Galileo project**. A number of contracts have already been awarded by ESA and we also expect satellite operation to be signed and sealed shortly.

This is a matter of particular importance to **Bavaria**, as the **Control Center in Oberpfaffenhofen** is to take over the operation of Galileo in collaboration with Fuccino.

The **Galileo project** is on the right track. That is why I am sure that even more regions will discover the great value of the **European Satellite Navigation Competition** in the future.

Bavaria committed to Galileo

Right from the start, Bavaria has underscored its commitment to Galileo and the use of satellite navigation.

The European Space Agency ESA, the German Aerospace Center DLR and the bank Kreissparkasse München-Starnberg will join the

State of Bavaria in an **incubator in Oberpfaffenhofen.**

I see this as a great success and tribute to all that the **Applications Center has so far achieved in Oberpfaffenhofen.**

- This is where good ideas - like those emerging from this competition - find the support they need to be turned into commercial products.
- This is where the chain from seed idea through business start-up to market launch is offered from one source.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Closing words

I don't want to keep you waiting any longer for the **presentation of the awards.**

It is the highlight of today's event. So it is time for me to sincerely congratulate all the prize winners.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the regions taking part this year to demonstrate the same commitment again next year.

It is also my pleasure to invite you all to the **state reception** afterwards in the 'Kaisersaal'.

I am sure you will enjoy the opportunity to make new contacts and meet many old friends and acquaintances again.

I wish you a successful event and hope you all have a good time in Munich.

Thank you very much!