



לשכת הנשיא
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Dear Friends – Members of the Academic and Administrative Staff,

I have just been notified by the Board of Governors that I have been nominated to become the next President of the Institute. This is a great honor for me.

It is nearly a year since I was asked by the Executive Committee to accept the position of Acting President. During this difficult period, I have renewed activity with the academic institutes, including those of the Academic Council, Forum of Deans and Heads of Departments through preservation of academic freedom. In my position of President, I have taken steps to promote mutual collaboration between the members of both academic and administrative staff.

During the many years of my work at HIT I have held various positions, since my first steps here as an Adjunct Lecturer some 20 years ago. During that period I have had the privilege of witnessing the great strength of the institute and its promising potential. This exposure enhanced my feeling that the institute's high achievements are mainly thanks to you - my dear colleagues.

Now, after winning the trust of the Board of Governors, I accept the position of HIT President with great pride and a feeling of national vocation.

My vision as President is to continue leading HIT as a dynamic and unique institute of higher education, focusing on teaching and research, and building close ties with industry in Israel and abroad. These goals should be pursued by adjusting to the demands of national economy in the training of skilled and selected manpower.

Frequent changes in society, industry and economy necessitate constant dynamic adaptation to the environment of changing reality. Rapid changes in teaching methods and the accelerated application of progressive teaching technologies necessitate unceasing improvement and adjustment. Likewise, the level of students' expectations requires constant upgrading in the quality of service.



Like all other universities and higher education institutions in Israel, HIT finds itself in a tense competitive environment. Its progress and prosperity as an academic institute is largely dependent on relevant and updated study programs that match the demands of today's market, quality and level of the academic staff and the professionalism of the administrative personnel. I realize the great importance of recruiting expert staff, fostering and developing the existing personnel, and the absorption of students with high achievements.

Other important goals are: Contribution to the community and the narrowing of educational gaps in Israel. I would act to create a bustling academic campus and cultural center operating at the very heart of the City of Holon, and generating positive changes in the city by bringing about knowledge, entrepreneurial spirit and innovation. We would also transform Holon into an "Academic City" and aspire to creating a social experience shared by all sectors of Israeli society: new immigrants and veteran repatriates, secular and religious citizens and members of the security forces.

Dear Friends! For most of us at HIT, the Institute has become a second home, and in order to keep 'our home' safe, I will do everything I can to coordinate full cooperation in all sectors, to act as a single coordinated, harmonious, versatile and multidimensional system functioning as one cohesive body to meet the challenges of tomorrow".

I sincerely believe that together we can take HIT to even greater achievements so that it will become one of the leading academic institutes in the higher education system!

Prof. Eduard Yakubov
President