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Professor John Maxwell Coetzee

Doctor Honoris Causa

University of Silesia

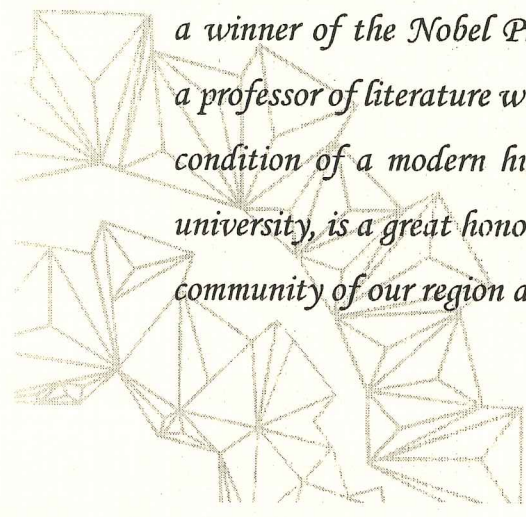
Dear Professor,

On my own behalf, and on behalf of the Senate of the Silesian University of Technology as well as the entire academic community of our university, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to you on conferring the title of Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Silesia.

I am extremely delighted that the University of Silesia has decided to grant this title to one of the most outstanding figures in contemporary culture and a visionary of contemporary literature. Conferring this honourable distinction is a proof of the highest appreciation of your achievements as a writer, literary critic, translator and long-time lecturer of English literature. As a rector of a technical university I should particularly emphasize your outstanding achievements as a mathematician and a programmer.

This is the second time that a Polish university awards you with the title of Doctor Honoris Causa. This demonstrates great respect of our scientific community for your literary and didactic achievements.

I would like to express our great admiration for your extraordinary talent, your versatility and passion for writing. The fact that one of the greatest contemporary writers, a winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature and two-time winner of the Booker Prize, a professor of literature whose novels, with surgical precision, discover the truth about the condition of a modern human being, now receives the highest honorary dignity of the university, is a great honour for the University of Silesia, but also for the entire academic community of our region and the country.



When you received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa from the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznań, you said: "I am writing because I feel a call to share my perception of the world". We would deeply like to thank you for this sincere and in-depth perception.

To conclude, I would like once again to extend my warmest congratulations and wish you further success in implementation of your literary and scientific endeavours, as well as every prosperity in your personal life.

*with kind regards and appreciation
Rector
of the Silesian University of Technology*

Professor Arkadiusz Meżyk, PhD, DSc

