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Profesor Bradford Parkinson
Doktor Honoris Causa
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Dear Professor,

In 2023, 50 years have passed since the launch of the GPS – Global Positioning System. The invention, of which you are the chief architect, revolutionized not only transport and communication, but contributed to an epochal change in the functioning of societies in the 20th and 21st centuries. For leading the team responsible for the creation of the first GPS-NAVSTAR satellite positioning system, the Senate of the Maritime University of Gdynia granted you the highest academic dignity - the title of Doctor Honoris Causa.

In recognition of the great merits for the development of civilization and technological progress and appreciating the importance of the Professor's exceptional research achievements for the functioning of humanity and modern economy based on knowledge, on behalf of the Rector's College of the Silesian University of Technology and the University Senate, I would like to express my warmest congratulations and compliments on receiving the dignity of Doctor Honoris Causa of Gdynia University. Universities honour outstanding personalities of the scientific world, whose achievements are crucial for the development of social life. On behalf of the academic community of my home university - Silesian University of Technology and all universities associated in the Conference of Rectors of Academic Polish Schools, I wish you good health, strength, and unflagging motivation to share knowledge and invaluable experience. For generations of modern engineers, the Professor's biography and achievements are a great inspiration for bold and creative exploration of innovative technological solutions.

Science is a privilege to explore and shape the nature of the world. Knowledge is a gift that, when used wisely, becomes a ticket to a better future.

The Senate of the Maritime University of Gdynia appreciated the breakthrough achievements and scientific results, but also the great activity in the organizational field and personal qualities, among which kindness, prudence and the search for consensus won the Professor a wide range of faithful collaborators and pupils.





For every scientist and researcher, the title of Doctor Honoris Causa is a splendour and a great honour. Academic circles distinguish with this honour *extraordinary people* with widely recognized scientific and social authority.

The Professor's scientific activity has shaped an area, the development of which is crucial for the quality of life of each of us. GPS technology has revolutionized modern life, making it not only easier, but also safer. In a world of so many global conflicts, the importance of your invention is invaluable.

May the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Maritime University of Gdynia be a proof of recognition and thanks for the exceptional contribution to the development of our civilization.

With the highest respect,

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