... the true achievement of this Institute is this great idea - to be ready to give what we have,

what we own, to others. Of course, people who organized this all these years have shown it.

I would like to thank the two institutions here in Tuzla, which in particular deserve our gratitude:

two school centers, two high schools, that is, a medresa, and a Catholic high school, have shown

that it is actually possible to reconcile differences in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that

Bosnia and Herzegovina has always been a homeland to people of diverse cultures, but

have always lived together. And we should give them a round of applause.

(applause)

Since I am a preacher, and preachers like giving long speeches... I am going to tell you only two

short stories. Because I find them inspiring.

Of course, I found them in a book, but I decided to share them with you, maybe they can guide

and encourage us in some way on our path. The first story is about two friends, two boys:

an older boy and a younger boy, who were skating on a frozen pond on a cold winter day.

At one point, the ice shattered, as we traditionally say it, and the elder boy fell into the

water. Since it was a cold day, somehow the ice started to form around him immediately... and

this little, weak boy, ran to the shore, took a stone, and started breaking the ice, smashing it

to get his friend out, to save him. And, of course, he succeeded in doing so. He saved him, he

pulled him out. In the meantime, the rescue services came and when they saw what he did,

they wondered how it was possible that a child, such a little child with his weak hands, was able

to save his older friend. An elderly man said: "I know how he saved him." And they asked him:

"Tell us. How?" - "There was nobody to tell him that it was impossible." Pay attention!

We are constantly being told that things are not possible, that it is impossible to achieve

something, and so on. Therefore, the moral is that one should believe and should try and

should work hard and everything can be changed. That is why I want to share something

with you, young people, here at this Institute: Do not listen to those who tell you that something is

impossible. If you have a dream, if you know what you want... what you dream is possible.

Every dream can become reality, and here and today, Chris has already mentioned several

Young men and women who, like you, were sitting here and who have managed to do what

they did... People like Mersed Čamdžić [CEO of Mistral Technologies], I think, isn't it? ...

whom you have mentioned.

The second story is also important. It's important for us, and I want to share it with you.

There was a farmer and he had the best seeds, and he always gave his seeds to his neighbors,

for free. He did not charge them anything. When they asked him why he was doing that, he said:

"It's just a matter of interest, really. Nothing else. It was only a matter of interest. "For", he

said, "if my neighbors sowed low quality seeds, in the process of pollination, it would affect the

quantity and quality of my seed crop. That's why I give them the seeds so that they could also sow

good seeds so that my seeds continue to be of good quality." Thus, the moral of the story is:

what we give to others, in reality, and we need to be aware of it, is always something that we

also give essentially to ourselves. And this, I believe, is important, for all of us who live here,

in this region, and especially for you, young people. I hope that you will find the knowledge

that you have acquired here useful, that you know that things are, that every single thing is

possible, and that you know that what you give to others, in reality, is what you give to

yourselves. Once again, I would like to thank our friend, Chris, and I would like to give special

thanks to two older people who live in the United States, whom I met, and who have

supported this program all these years. They are the people who, for me, are true examples of

benevolence. I have met many people, of course. There are many people in Bosnia and

Herzegovina who are good people, benefactors, people who help other people. But, these two

made an indelible impression on me, because I saw how kind-hearted they were. I think they

were among the first, if not the first, who donated some funds to help start this Summer

Institute. They are Frank and Blythe. I would like to thank them again on your behalf as well.

Thank you!

(applause)

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