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Letter of recommendation for Lerdi Salihi

Dear,

The past semester I have guided Lerdi as an exchange student in the Minor Future of Technology and Society (FTS) at Hanze University of applied sciences in Groningen.

With a group of students we explored the future, in a multidisciplinary, international environment where students interacted with different stakeholders and other disciplines across the Hanze. Students formed their own vision on the future of the chosen topic and created creative and artistic concepts and technical prototypes to address societal challenges of the future.

During this semester I have get to know Lerdi as a talented, enthusiastic and creative student with a great drive to move forward towards meaningful results. Besides that he is also a team player that involves and inspires the project groups he worked in to together get to the best end result. In this process he is not afraid to think and act out of the box and take other on this path with him.

What I value a lot in Lerdi is the amazing number of creative ideas he generates and his drive to also actually build these ideas. With his group, together with the Province of Groningen he created a prototype to more involve young people into local democracy by representing societal problems as monsters that can be tagged and fought together. A very clever and creative merging of democracy and Pokémon Go. In this process he learned a lot of new skills, like 3D design, SCRUM, different communication foems and building augmented reality applications.

One of the best memories I have of the past semester is Lerdi playing a mad scientist to make the audience engage a speculative direct democracy concept they came up with, stealing the hearts of the audience. Showing that het dares to stand up and do an extra step outside his comfort zone to learn new things and engage other people.

To conclude, I would recommend Lerdi for any environment, organization or company where result driven creative thinking, concepting and creation is important and where being a team player and exploring new possibilities are key value. I'm convinced that you will love working with him!

With kind regards,

Floris Maathuis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Maathuis".

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