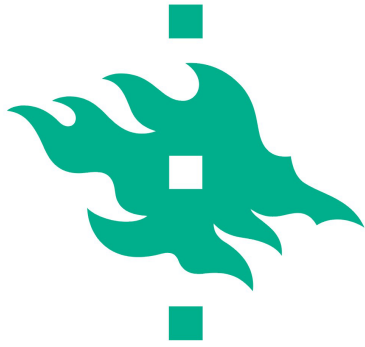




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*Dear Rector Mazaraki,*

On behalf of the **University of Helsinki** and personally, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the **State University of Trade and Economics** on the occasion of its 80th anniversary. This milestone reflects the university's longstanding commitment to education, research, and the development of generations of professionals.

We are grateful for the excellent and steadily developing cooperation between our universities. Through our partnership, we have successfully advanced teacher and student exchange, conducted joint research activities, and collaborated in the development of education and academic capacity. The achievements of our cooperation demonstrate the value of international academic partnerships and the dedication of colleagues at both institutions.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the collaboration within the Team Finland Knowledge project and for the commitment shown by your university community, even during exceptionally challenging times.

We look forward to continuing and further strengthening our cooperation in the years ahead. Above all, we hope for a peaceful future for Ukraine. We sincerely wish that peace will allow people to fully devote their talents, energy, and resources to building the future, advancing education and science, and fostering societal development, rather than repairing the devastation caused by the war.

Please accept our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the entire university community on this important anniversary. We wish the State University of Trade and Economics continued success, prosperity, and many new achievements in the decades to come.

Yours sincerely,

*Professor Mari Sandell, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry*

*Professors Maijaliisa Erkkola, Mikael Fogelholm and Ndegwa Maina, Department of Food and Nutrition*