## REMARKS BY MANUEL BIEDERMAN ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF JULIUS BERGER SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Dzien dobry, Honored Miss Mes, Miss Jakuta, Mister Kobiak

Honored Mr. Puto and Honored Guests,

It is an honor for me to welcome you to-day to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my Grand Grandfather, JULIUS BERGER on the occasion of the unveiling of the new board for this house.

I came to this town 4 years ago for the first time and to-day I would like to say a few words about the history as it relates to me.

Our history covers many years. The resident couple Berger had a son by the name of Bruno, who died from an infection in 1899 at the age of 6 years. Unfortunately there was no modern medicine, such as penicillin which might have prevented this tragedy.

Ten years later when the Bergers left Bydgoszcz for Berlin, Julius Berger built this house in the hope to save couples, parents and children from this fate and also as a loving memorial to the son Bruno.

In 1914 Julius Berger received the honorary title "Commercial Advisor" for the largest charitable donation made in Bydgoszcz at that time.

Now, before we unveil the board and open the buffet, I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the Wokis Center, to Mr. Puto and especially to Mr. Kubiak and the administration team. Their cooperation made today's celebration possible, and I feel honored and very proud to be a part of it.

Dziekuje and Thank You