## THE RECTOR SPEECH AT THE HANDOVER DIPLOMA CEREMONY OF THE FIRST GRADUATED STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF GJAKOVA "FEHMI AGANI"

The Rector of the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani", Prof. Dr. Shaban Buza, after welcoming participants and the Prof. Dr. Arsim Bajrami, Minister of Education, Science, and Technology said:

The University of Gjakova soon will fulfill four years of establishment. The first students were registered in the academic year 2013/2014. Whereas today, the university has approximately 2800 students, in three faculties with seven study programs and 41 regular teaching staff. We are very proud to say that, there are many excellent students who have obtained scholarships from the University and also, in the last month's we have the first graduate students in Bachelor level.

Today is a special day for our university! It is the day of issuing the first diplomas in the University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani". This ceremony has been chosen to be present in January because it is the month of birth of respected professor and academic Fehmi Agani, whose name the university was named after.

Attached to your graduation diploma is the Diploma Supplement, thus making us the first public university in Kosovo that applies awarding of both diplomas at the same time.

Therefore, a special greeting goes to the graduates of the Faculty of Medicine, the Nursing and Midwifery programs, for their commitment to obtaining the best knowledge and competencies to serve on improvements of welfare and services for the citizens of our country!

It is a special day for your families! You have made them proud, through rewarding them in the best way, for their sacrifice that they did only for your education!

It is a special day for you too because you have finalized an important stage in life, opening thus an opportunity for new advancements!

We are proud of your achievements, as well. At the same time, we are obliged to work continuously in increasing the quality assurance in our university and introducing the contemporary teaching methods and research.

Graduation is the coronation of a joint effort of the student, family and academic staff.

So, celebrate your diplomas with success in professional career and in life!