

**Ambassador Feinstein's Remarks at the Goldstein Villa
Reception, on the occasion of his Visit to Silesia
December 5, 2011**

Panie Prezydencie Uszok, Panie
Prezydencie Wojaczyk, dziękuję za
zorganizowanie tego wspaniałego
przyjęcia. Dziękuję wszystkim Państwu,
którzy przybyli tu dzisiaj, aby mnie
powitać na Śląsku. Szczególne
podziękowania należą się wszystkim
osobom, które włożyły wiele wysiłku w
zorganizowanie tej wizyty:

Pan Wojewoda Zbigniew Łukaszczyk

Pan Marszałek Adam Matusiewicz

Pan Dyrektor Krzysztof Kurak,

Pan Rektor Jan Pyka,

Pan Prezydent Zygmunt Frankiewicz,

Pan Prezes Andrzej Korpak,

Pan Prezes Alex Fiszer i

Pan Prezes Mariusz Tomaka.

Silesia has played an important role in the development of modern Poland. Your artists have defined their own architectural style. Your politicians are leaders in the national government and in the European Union. You have a vibrant business sector which not only attracts major international investors, but also creates its own success stories in IT and other services as well as outsourcing, energy, and light and heavy manufacturing.

Podczas mojej wizyty naprawdę
poczułem waszą pozytywną energię.

[During my visit here I really have felt
your positive energy.”]

This is a dynamic part of Poland, increasingly at ease with its own internal diversity and ready to face the challenges of a diverse and globalized world. I visited with students from three of your major universities and saw first-hand that they are bright and engaged and that they are being well-trained by competent educators and university administrators. It's no wonder that Silesia has become the most prosperous region in Poland.

It is truly a pleasure for me to be here tonight. I look forward to meeting you and to hearing more about what makes this region such a special place.

Thank you again for your very warm welcome.