

“The new building of the IT College is another sign that Estonia is among the leading information technology countries and that we have serious intentions to remain in this premier league,” President Toomas Hendrik Ilves said today at the inauguration of the new building of the Information Technology College in Tallinn.

“To rephrase a well-known political slogan, we don’t have to strive to be among the five or ten most successful in the IT field or the breadth of opportunities for its use. We must remain at the top,” the Head of State said. “We must be open to innovation, accept all the original ideas that help us to progress. No matter how crazy these ideas are. The plan to Internetize Estonia’s schools more than ten years ago was a crazy idea at that time. Today this is the distant past, totally normal, something we quite naturally take for granted.”

According to President Ilves, many roads open up from the IT College, “Here you can acquire skills that will never let you down, because the demand for well-trained specialists will only increase.”

The Head of State expressed his hope that the new college building will help the development of the college, that improved study conditions will attract the most talented, that Master’s studies will shortly be introduced here, and that the idea will become increasingly fixed that the education receives here is not the end of study but rather the beginning.

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