

The President, Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, will give a lesson tomorrow at Tallinn Secondary Science School within the framework of the “Back to School” programme.

Journalists are welcome to cover the beginning of the lesson at 10:45. You’re kindly asked to notify us of your presence by 9 o’clock tomorrow morning, at the latest, either by phone (631 6229; 5252001) or e-mail (piret.pert@vpk.ee).

The President once said that those people who have acquired a solid, contemporary education in either gymnasiums, vocational schools, or universities will contribute to making Estonia wiser and more educated as a whole.

“I’m not speaking solely of subjects included in the curricula, but rather of obtaining a picture – as broad as possible – of the world around us. Therefore, I invite everyone who wishes to make our students smarter and wiser to return to school for a while,” President Ilves said.

Background information:

The goal of the “Back to School” week, which takes place from 18th to 22nd October, is to strengthen co-operation between schools and the rest of society. The President of the Republic and Foundation Noored Kooli (Young People Back to School) are inviting all those in Estonia, who are willing to share their life and professional experiences with students, to give a lesson in a school.

More than 1,000 people – including the President of the Republic, members of the Riigikogu, businessmen, sportsmen, cultural figures and parents, students and alumni of different schools – attended 300 schools all over Estonia within the framework of the previous “Back to School” week from 19th-23rd October 2009.

One needs to register on the www.tagasikooli.ee website to participate in the “Back to School” week and then choose the most suitable schools from those inviting guest teachers. In total, approximately 300 schools from counties throughout Estonia will open their doors to guest teachers.

“Back to School” invitation: <http://bit.ly/tagasikooli2010>

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