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Professor Michal Tomášek received a Silver Medal of Charles University

His Magnificence the Rector of Charles University Professor Tomáš Zima awarded Professor Michal Tomášek, Vice-Dean and Head of Department of European Law of the Faculty of Law of Charles University, a Silver Medal of Charles University for his merits in developing science and research at the University on the occasion of celebrating his 55th birthday. The ceremony was held on 22nd February 2018, during a session of the Scientific Council of Charles University. Silver and Golden Medals of Charles University have been granted since 1990 to the most distinguished personalities of the University for their academic achievements.

On the occasion of 150th anniversary of the journal *Právník* in 2011, Professor Michal Tomášek and Dr. Jan Bárta, at that time Director of the Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences, founded an English parallel of the *Právník* – The Lawyer Quarterly (TLQ). Professor Tomášek was appointed Head of its Editorial Board.¹ In 2015, he was awarded the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art (Österreichische Ehrenkreuz für Wissenschaft und Kunst) from the Federal President of the Republic of Austria Dr. Heinz Fischer.² In 2010, Professor Michal Tomášek received a special award from the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic as an editor in chief of a monograph in five volumes “Legal Phenomena at the Beginning of 21st Century”.³ In 2014, the Czech Association for European Studies granted Professor Tomášek a diploma for his merits in research of European Law. Last year, he was granted two awards for his monograph *Právní systémy Dálného východu I* (Legal Systems of Far East I). Firstly, he received Bedřich Hrozný⁴ award from the Rector of Charles University on the occasion of 669th anniversary of the University. The second award for the above-quoted monograph was a big surprise since it was the Miroslav Ivanov award for important non-fiction publication.⁵ As mentioned during the ceremony by Associate Professor Jan Halada, chairman of the jury, the book by Professor Tomášek received this award regardless of the fact that legal texts were in general boring and not having a value of great literature. It proves the capacity of a legal text to attract and thanks to its style to persuade intellectually demanding readers and jury.⁶

Sincere congratulations and *ad multos annos*.

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¹ LOJEK, A. Professor Michal Tomášek fifty years old. *The Lawyer Quarterly*. 2013, Vol. 3, No. 1, pp. 76–77.

² Head of Editorial Board of the Lawyer Quarterly, Professor Michal Tomášek awarded the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art. *The Lawyer Quarterly*. 2015, Vol. 5, No. 3, p. 161.

³ Ocenění pro českou právní vědu. *Právník*. 2011, No.3, pp. 310–311.

⁴ Professor Bedřich Hrozný, Rector of Charles University in 1939–1940 was a world famous Czech scientist in oriental studies who deciphered language of the Hattusa tablets of Hittites.

⁵ Miroslav Ivanov (1929–1999) was a famous Czech author of non-fiction.

⁶ HOBZA, M. Jedna monografie, dvě ocenění a tři překvapení. *Právník*. 2017, No. 7, p. 641.

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