

## **President, Rector and Dean discussing the earthquake consequences and the role of the Faculty of Civil Engineering**

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On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of March, Zoran Milanovic – President of the Republic of Croatia accompanied with professor Damir Boras – Rector of the University of Zagreb and professor Stjepan Lakusic – Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, visited the main building of the Zagreb University strongly damaged in recent earthquake.

The tour of the building was followed by a meeting to discuss the damage to the buildings of the University of Zagreb Constituent Units and the role of the academic community in all these difficult past days and challenges ahead of us.

Dean Stjepan Lakušić highlighted the great role of the Faculty of Civil Engineering in this exceptional situation that was encountered during the struggle with the new COVID-19 virus. Our experts have shown a strong dedication to help and have made their knowledge available while the city was still shaking. The whole week they were assessing damages on the most important buildings such are hospitals, highly damaged residential buildings, historical and cultural buildings and all the buildings of the Zagreb University constituent units.

Experience in the assessment of damaged buildings after the Homeland War, many years of cooperation with the City of Zagreb's Emergency Management Office in the field of earthquake risk assessment and reduction, recent experience in assessing damage to buildings after the devastating earthquake in Albania – these are all our potentials that we now need and can focus on addressing the effects of the earthquake as effectively as possible.



Photos taken during the University tour and photos of the damaged University building taken by the Faculty employees during the damage assessment (Damjanović)