

## Commemoration Alley of Oak Trees

The most merited pre-war citizens of Koszalin have their own monuments of nature. Those are seven-year-old oak-trees, which were planted last Monday in the place where an old, German cemetery had existed. In this way the authorities of Koszalin decided to commemorate 25 citizens who were the most distinguished.

Every honoured person is a German who was living in Koszalin before the war. In the group of honoured citizens are Bishop Herman von Gleichen, who was a founder of Koszalin, Rudolf Clausius, the main creator of the foundations of classical thermodynamics, and Johann Micraelius theologian and composer, the author of the six-volumed "History of Pomerania". It is planned to place a stone near each of the trees with the name of each honoured person.

The planted trees take the shape of the letter L and they form Commemoration Alley of Oak Trees. The spokesperson of the President of Koszalin, Grzegorz Ślizewski, said: "This is the first stage. It is possible that we will plant more trees next year to commemorate post-war citizens of Koszalin".

The trees were planted by the former presidents of Koszalin, representatives of the town council, representatives of various religions, young people and members of the Public Committee of Saving the Old Koszalin.

Patrons of the Oaks were chosen upon consultation in The Museum of Koszalin and in state archives.

## **The Cardinal Jeż Oak in the Commemoration Alley of Oak Trees**

On Monday, 30th June, at 12 o'clock another tree is being planted in the Commemoration Alley of Oak Trees in Koszalin.

Bishop Edward Dajczak, the President of Koszalin Mirosław Mikietyński and Tomasz Czuczak, chairman of the town council, will plant an oak-tree commemorating the Cardinal Ignacy Jeż – an honorary citizen of Koszalin and creator of the diocese of Koszalin and Kołobrzeg.

The Commemoration Alley of Oak Trees is signed by a board, which will be soon supplemented by the Cardinal Jeż oak. It is planned to place a stone near each of the trees with the name of each honoured person.

In the middle of 2006, in the headquarters of Koszalin Public Library, 25 seven-year-old oak-trees were planted. These trees create the Commemoration Alley of Oak Trees.

The trees were planted by the former presidents of Koszalin, representatives of various religions which had existed in Koszalin before the Second World War and are domiciled here, representatives of the Pioneer Club and Public Committee of Saving the Old Koszalin, Youth Town Council etc.

The oak-trees are planted in commemoration of all important persons in the history of Koszalin: among others Bishop Herman von Gleichen, who was a founder of Koszalin, St John the Baptist, patron of the city, Rudolf Clausius, main creator of the foundations of classical thermodynamics and Johann Micraelius theologian and composer, the author of the six-volumed "History of Pomerania".