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**USJ Career Fair 2021 Speech by
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You are going to be really impressed by our students. Your support to this event is enormously important to us. But I think our students will be enormously important to those of you who are employers and those of you who are supporting today. Each year university produces a remarkable group of young students. A remarkable group of graduates who have been here learning to become people of the highest possible integrity. People who can think, people who are problem solvers; people who are creative; people who are able to function in different languages and different cultures. For those of you who are employers, having young employees with that kind of mindset I think is absolutely crucial. Before I came to Macau, I spent 25 years in various roles. Every year, I interviewed new graduates from universities for jobs. The thing that always impressed me wasn't necessarily the ones with the highest grades but the ability to engage with the people who are interviewing. I know our students have become to give you that kind of impression. I know you're going to find them remarkable young people. But they have had to cope with something that none of us really hear we have even had to cope with on our own education and our own first steps in our careers market. They have had to cope with over a year of extraordinary situation the pandemic has given us. Last year our graduation I said to our students who have had one semester of covid problems that they really impressed me. This year, students have had nearly 30% of their university time under the shadow of covid and yet they are bright, optimistic, intelligent, enthusiastic young people. People who will be accredit themselves to their families, to this university and to you as potential employers.

The theme of our career's fair this year is "Support Innovative Diversity and welcoming economic recovery." I know many of you come from businesses hit very hard by downturn that came with the pandemic and you are going to need people who are innovative, people who got energy, people who got enthusiasms and you will find that with our students. Our graduates' employment last year was just under 80% which compares fairly competitively with all other higher education institutions in Macau. I think demonstrates that the students that we produce are the kind of people that businesses can use, that businesses can grow, the businesses can develop into valued employees. So in supporting, the communitive diversity in Macau. Our students coming from university that is diverse, 47 different countries amongst our student colleague. A university that is innovative, 1/3 of our students working programmes that are specifically to foster innovation. Students who are instinctively collaborative. Because of the way we choose to teach. The students that I am proud of, the students that all of us in USJ are proud of, the students that you will be proud of. I want to thank you for your support as the Emcee said all the 60 institution have become part of our career status here. Many of you here participated in the virtual career fair last year. Interesting exercise, walking through a virtual exhibition. We'll be glad to welcome you back in person this year. On what we hope what this will do, is further integrate our students, and further integrate the economy of Macau into its setting. I will never get tired of repeating "This is the University in Macau, in China. It is a University of Macau, of China. This is a University for Macau, for China and that part of China that is most closely connected to the Greater Bay Area is a real engine for the recovery of Macau, is a real engine of the recovery of the world in economy. I know you are looking for employees, will be looking for graduates who are able to take those opportunities and make those of opportunities work to their advantage, into your advantage. I know you are going to find those here at USJ. Thank you very much for coming today. It means a great deal to us but more than that, thank you very much for taking part in the career's fair and offering a superb, impressive student that this university produces. Offering them the potential in an exciting future.

Thank you very much.