

USJ Congregation 2021 Message of Appreciation by Kianat, Bachelor in Education

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Good morning. I am honored to give a speech on behalf of all the students today. I would like to thank the Rector, all the professors, staff, parents, security and cleaning staff of the University of Saint Joseph.

I am Kianat, I am a Pakistani from Hong Kong and a graduand from Bachelor of Education. Although I am an International student, I would like to speak in Chinese on behalf of you all.

All the graduates are looking forward to the new journey today, now let us look back on our days at USJ. I wonder if you still remember how we felt when we first came to the University. I remembered that I worried for not being able to make new friends. I guess everyone felt uneasy because we left our comfort zone and came to a new place, where there are new rules, new teachers, new classmates and new knowledge.

From the first day of school until now we graduate, we have experienced a lot of new challenges in USJ, such as afraid of making new friends, coping with learning under the pandemic and online learning, etc. The pandemic came so sudden that we were caught off guard. However, the University has responded rapidly and provided a variety of support to enable us to adapt. Although the epidemic has brought us inconvenience, it brought up new possibilities and strengthened our resilience and flexibility. It brought us a profound experience and learning opportunity.

I know that every student at USJ has his or her own story and has gone through many difficult times. Take me as an example, I thought I would have given up my study because of financial problems. Although I am a full-time student, I have had to work part-time jobs in Hong Kong during weekends and holidays. I decided to share my experience today not because I want your sympathy, contrarily, I want you to realize that there are many people who have helped you through your difficult times and you should take this opportunity to thank them. For me, I can get here today because of them.

Today we are gathered around by people who have supported and inspired us, I would like to send my special thanks to Alana and Natalie who is watching the livestream of the ceremony. Thank you for your

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support, encouragement when I was going through hard times, and thank for being my friends since I know I am not an easy person to be with. I would like to thank all the parents for their support, no matter it is in spirit, in action or financially; without you, we would not be here. On behalf of the students, I would like to say thank you to all the professors. I am sure I am not the only one who has got help from you. I would also like to thank the donors of the scholarships and fellowship. Your generosity has not only eased the financial burden on students but also encouraged us. Today, as we graduate and move on to the next chapter of our lives, what we have with us is not only the knowledge we have learned, but also the love from everyone.

Finally, to the Class of 2021, we are about to step into the society. We may fail or get lost, but it is ok, failure is an experience that enables us to grow. We may also feel fear, but we need to trust others and believe in ourselves that we can do it. With my 4 years of studies here, I love Macau because I felt that there is a sense of humanity, love, and passion. Don't you believe me? Look at you who are all around; you are all a person with humanity, love and passion.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate each of us here, no matter what, we have made it! It is our day today! We have gone through countless late nights and meeting deadlines. What we have learnt was not just the theory or knowledge from the course, but being responsible for ourselves and for our work. In addition, we have to have the courage and get to know ourselves better and believe that "I can do it" and "I will succeed". Let's be proud of ourselves and please give yourselves a round of applause! Thank you all!

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二零二一年度聖若瑟大學畢業典禮 畢業生致辭 - 王爾嵐

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早上好,今天很榮幸能夠代表所有學生致辭,在這裡向校長、各位聖若瑟大學的教授、職員、家長,保安,清潔人員致謝。

在場的各位未必認識我,我是 Kianat,我是一位來自香港的巴基斯坦人,修讀教育學士學位的 畢業生。雖然我是一位國際生,今天我希望用中文去代表各位致詞。

今天,所有畢業生都會期待,期待著走上新的旅程。但今天我希望跟大家回顧一下我們在聖若瑟大學的日子。不知道大家還記得我們第一次來到這所大學時的感覺嗎?還記起當時很害怕交不上朋友,我相信大家應該都抱著不安的感覺吧!因為我們都要離開自己的舒適區,並來到一個全新的環境中,有新的規則,新的老師,新的同學及學習新的知識。

從開學的第一天至今天我們一起畢業,我們在聖若瑟大學經歷了很多事情,例如害怕結識新朋友,應對疫情和網上學習等的新挑戰,而疫情對我們很多同學來說來得太快,有點措手不及,但大學能迅速應對和作出了各種支援,讓學生適應下來。雖然這疫情為我們帶來不便,從中我們看到新的可能性,也增強我們的應變能力和彈性,為我們帶來一個深刻體驗和學習機會。

我知道每位學生在聖若瑟大學都有自己的故事,亦都有很多艱辛的時候。好像我,我曾經以為自己會因為經濟上的問題而放棄學業。雖然我是全職學生,但我除了要兼顧學業之餘,亦曾經在週未或假期時往香港從事多份兼職。今天決定說出我的經歷不是因為想大家可憐我,而是想大家想

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想在自己困難的時候,很多人幫助過你及借此感謝他們。好像我一樣,今天我能夠站在這裡全因他們。

今天周圍聚集的都是支持和激勵過我們的人,所以在此我特別想多謝某些人,在網上看直播的Natalie 及 Alana,多謝你們在我艱辛的時候支持及鼓勵我,和多謝你們成為我的朋友,因為我知道我不是一個容易相處的人 (Thank you for your support, encouragement when I was going through hard times, and thanks for being my friends since I know I am not an easy person to be with)。也衷心感謝各位家長不論是精神上、實質行動上、還是財政上的支持,沒有您們就不會有我們。各位教授,我敢肯定您們幫助過的學生不只我一個,所以我想代表學生多謝您們。我還想多謝提供獎學金和助學金的贊助人,您們的幫助不單減輕了學生經濟上的負擔還鼓勵了我們。今天當我們畢業時,進入人生的下一個篇章時,我們隨身攜帶的不僅是書本上的學習,還有大家的愛。

最後致 2021 屆畢業同學,今天以後我們就要踏出社會。我們可能遇上失敗或會有迷失的時候,但不要緊,失敗就是經歷,讓我們學會成長。我們也可能會感到害怕,但請相信自己能夠做得到, 及相信別人。

最後,我想恭喜在場的每一位畢業生,不管怎樣,我們都做到了! 今天是我們的日子! 我們經歷了無數熬夜和趕上最後期限的功課。我們學到的不只是課程中的理論或知識,我們學到的是對自己及工作負責,並最終找到勇氣,了解自己,並相信"我能做到"和"我會成功"。今天是大家驕傲的一天,請大家為自己鼓掌!多謝大家!

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