

SPEECH BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE, IONG KIT YENG

Good morning! I am Vanessa Iong, a Ph.D. graduate from the Faculty of Business and Law, majoring in Government Studies. It is my great honor to attend the ceremony, and even out of expectation that I can represent all the graduates from the postgraduate program to express our gratitude to the University of Saint Joseph and all the people who have been with us all these years. We are blessed to have all of you here to witness this special moment in our life. Thank you very much.

Time flies really too fast that I can never ever imagine. I remember the year 2019. An amazing moment happened during a conference meeting on a trip. I, all of a sudden, felt that I was not sufficient enough to present myself, even less as a researcher to represent Macao. I got an idea that I might have to seek a more profound education, to have better critical thinking skills, and to make myself grow. When I returned to Macao, I thought having a Phd. degree may be a possible way. So, I applied for the program at this university. I met my greatest supervisor, Professor Jenny Lao-Phillips, the Dean of the Faculty. Then I joined this big family!

Yes, as a Ph.D. student, a robust academic environment was waiting for me! A lot of papers, articles, conferences, and tests were waiting for me! Yes, at the beginning of the year 2020, a lot of tests were indeed waiting for all of us! I believe this year's graduates passed more tests than any past graduate did! All these three years, in order to be here, we passed numerous covid-19 nucleic acid tests!

Yes, 2020 and 2021 were so difficult that the world seemed to be locked down! We had to move our classroom to go online. On some dates, the school campus was even closed; we were advised not to leave our homes, and we could only meet each other online. We all felt uncertain, but we all insisted on doing what we love! The physical lockdown didn't hinder our passion for seeking knowledge! The solid evidence of my claim is that we are all here, we met the university's high standards and become the graduates of the year 2022!

On behalf of the graduates, I would like to express our gratitude to the University of Saint Joseph which provides such a good platform for us to achieve further. We extend our special thanks to our Rector, Professor Stephen Morgan, who is leading the university to reach new

standards in research and teaching expertise. Also, I would like to thank all our professors and members here; all of you are so great and professional! Last but not least, a big hand to our families, without our family members, we wouldn't be here! Thank you very much for all your unconditional support and guidance!

In the 21st century, especially in the post-pandemic era, the use of technology becomes a must in people's daily lives. As I am specialized in doing research related to e-government studies and human behaviors, I do hope I can make good use of the skills that I have acquired here to make contributions to society. Especially to the hard-to-reach groups, the youth and the senior people, as mentioned in one of my papers that was recently published in an international journal.

As Steve Jobs once said in a graduation ceremony 17 years ago, his words are really important to me and important to all the young people, I would like to take this chance to share with you, he said:

“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't hesitate, don't settle down so easily. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it.”

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen. May success and a smile always be yours. Thank you!

SPEECH BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE,

CHAU CHIN FONG

Dear All,

My name is Chou Chin Fong (Elliot). I am a Master's graduate in Social Work from the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences. I would like to welcome all guests for taking your time off your busy schedule to attend the graduation ceremony. I would like to thank USJ for providing me the chance to speak on behalf of my fellow classmates.

It is an honor to be here today for the 2022 USJ Graduation Ceremony and to witness the important moments of our recent graduates. My warmest congratulations to all of the graduates! Over the past two years, we have encountered the difficulties and hardships of the Covid -19 pandemic, and now we have completed our studies and entered a new phase of our life. I want to express gratitude and respect to all the professors and staff of USJ. Thanks to my family, friends and classmates for giving me all the support during my study.

University life for four years felt short and time passed by incredibly fast. In the blink of an eye, we went from being new students eager for knowledge to a graduate with the most achievements. I think that everyone has treasured memories of the sweet, sour, bitter, and spicy sides of university life, and I believe that a few years of university education will become an unstoppable force for everyone's future development.

You all seem to be happy after several years of stress and busyness in university, but memories and emotions are hard to avoid. We are set to graduate with much emotion facing our alma mater. Because of USJ, we have the necessary personality space to develop and the confidence to face any hardships, whether in class or during thesis research. Moving forward in our education and getting the chance to make a difference while taking lessons from our mistakes and setbacks will help us go further and more.

As a Master graduate in Social work, I believe we will have more different and mature opinions and power to think in our future path. We are not to be served, but to serve others. As a person with a profession in society, I hope that everyone will be better equipped to serve others. I wish that all our graduates here will be able to bring out more possibilities for the future development of our society.

When we leave the campus while exploring the future, we will have to deal with more uncertainties and challenges, and the future road may be more difficult. Still, I hope that everyone here can do it without regrets, "There are some things that you will never do in your life if you don't do it now." Since obstacles cannot be avoided, why not fearlessly confront

them, rise to the challenge, and take the chance to attempt instead of hoping for luck? All paths will not lead to nowhere, and all endeavors will eventually prove worthwhile.

I truly think that we define our own worth, regardless of how society defines success and failure, and I sincerely wish that everyone can courageously follow their hearts and develop their own comfortable lives.

Finally, I wish you all success and good health, both physically and mentally until we meet again.

Thank you very much.

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容潔瑩

早上好！我是容潔瑩，來自商業及法律學院政府研究專業的博士畢業生。我非常榮幸能夠參加本年度畢業典禮，更喜出望外，我可以代表所有研究課程的畢業生，向聖若瑟大學和這些年一直陪伴我們的所有人表達我們由衷的感謝。我們很幸運，有您們所有人在場，見證我們生命中這個重要時刻！

時間過得真的太快了。我記得 2019 年的時候。在一次國外的會議上，就在一瞬間，我突然覺得自己在知識層面上不足以展示自己，更遑論以研究人員的身份來代表澳門。忽發奇想，我應追求更高深的教育，加強批判性思維能力，使自己不斷成長。當我回到澳門時，我認為修讀博士學位可能是一個可行的方法。於是，我報讀了聖若瑟大學的博士課程。繼而遇到了我敬愛的指導教授—劉鈺馨院長。從此我加入了聖若瑟大學的大家庭！

是的，作為一個博士生，一個刻苦的學術環境正等著我！無數的論文、期刊文章、學術會議和各項測驗正等著我！是的，在 2020 年年初，確實有很多測試在等著我們所有人！我相信今年的畢業生通過的測試比過去任何一屆的畢業生所面對的都要多！因為這三年來，我們都接受及通過了無數次新冠肺炎核酸測試！

是的，2020 年和 2021 年是如此困難，全球似乎被封城等防疫措施籠罩著！我們不得不把教室搬到網上去。某些時期，校園甚至關閉；大家須留家抗疫，網上會議及課程成為新常態。我們都感到不安及不確定，但我們仍堅持做我們熱愛的事情！圍封並沒有阻礙我們對尋求知識的熱情！這一說法的「確鑿論證」是：我們全都在這裡，我們達到了大學高標準要求，成為 2022 年度的畢業生！

我謹代表所有畢業生對聖若瑟大學表示由衷的感謝，大學為我們提供了一個優良的科研平台，使我們學有所成。我們要特別感謝校長 Stephen Morgan 教授，無論在科研或教學層面，他正帶領大學邁向新台階。此外，我還要感謝大學所有的教授和員工；

你們的專業令人敬佩！最後亦是最重要的，向我們的家人致敬，沒有我們的家人，就不會有我們在這裡！非常感謝您們無條件的支持和指導！

在 21 世紀，特別是在後疫情時代，科技的使用成為人們日常生活中的必須品。由於我的專業是做與電子政務和人類行為的相關研究，我確實希望能好好利用我在這裡學到的技能為社會作貢獻。特別是對那些難以接觸的群體，如少兒和老年人，正如我最近在國際期刊上發表的論文中提到的那樣。

在十七年前的一個畢業典禮上，Steve Jobs 曾經對剛畢業的年輕人說過這樣一番話，他的話對我真的很重要，對所有年輕人也很有啟發性，我想借此難得機會與您們分享，他說：

「你的工作將佔你生命中的很大一部分時間，而令到自己對人生真正滿意的唯一方法是做你認為是重要的工作。而做重要工作的唯一方法是對工作的熱愛；如果你還沒有找到這份熱愛，請繼續尋找；不要猶豫，不要輕言滿足；隨心而行，當你遇到它的時候，你自然會知道。」

努力工作，善待他人，奇妙的事情就會發生。願成功和微笑永遠屬於您！謝謝您們！

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周展鋒

各位嘉賓、家長、畢業生、各位朋友、大家好！

我是社會工作系的碩士準畢業生周展鋒。

非常榮幸，亦非常感動，

感謝聖若瑟大學給予我代表致辭的機會，

在此，我謹代表畢業生們，

向在座各位於百忙之中抽空出席畢業典禮的嘉賓們，表示熱烈的歡迎和衷心的感謝！

今天，很高興出席聖若瑟大學 2022 年的畢業典禮，與各位一同見證我們應屆畢業生人生中的重要時刻。在過去的兩年時間裏，我們經歷了新冠疫情的挑戰和考驗，而現在順利完成了學業，繼續踏上人生的另一階段；藉此，本人謹向各位畢業生表示熱烈的祝賀！向各位無私奉獻、盡心竭力的聖若瑟教職員表示崇高的謝意和敬意！感謝我的家人、朋友和同學，在我求學時期提供無限量的支持，讓我可以走得更遠。

幾年的大學時光有如白駒過隙，轉瞬即逝。相信係大學嘅生活大家都充滿回憶，無論係大家一起晚上上課，期末小組匯報、週休假期在圖書館努力寫論文，每一個一起努力的時間都是我們難忘的回憶。而我相信大學幾年的學習會成為每個人未來發展的無限的動力。

經歷了大學幾年的緊張和忙碌，相信各位的心情都縱然喜悅，亦充滿回憶與留戀。正是因為你們的陪伴，使我們在發展方向上擁有充分的個性空間、自信地面對任何艱難困苦；繼續深造與獲得建功立業的機會，從失敗挫折中學習，令我們走更遠更長的路。

作為社會工作系的碩士畢業生，我相信我們未來的路途上將會有更多不同以及更成熟的想法和思考能力；「非以役人，乃役於人」，作為社會的專業人士，希望每一位都可以好好裝備好自己再去幫助他人，祝願我們在座各位可以為澳門社會未來的發展提供了更多的無限可能性，創造更多不同的不可能。

致各位準畢業生，當脫離了校園舒適圈，環境或會不似預期，特別在這個疫情時期，在探索未來的過程中，我們將要面對更多的不確定與挑戰，未來的路，可能會更難走；但我希望，在座各位，都可以無悔地去做，「有些事現在不做一輩子都不會做了」。所有的路都不會白走，每一分的努力都會在人生某一個時刻彰顯出其價值。

無論外界如何定義成功與失敗，我相信我們的價值是由我們自己創造，希望大家都能夠勇敢追隨自己的內心，創造出自己精彩的人生。

最後，在此祝願大家，身心健康，事事順利。後會有期！

多謝各位。