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USJ Graduation Ceremony 2023

Appreciation Message by Morse Lei (PhD in Science)

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It is my greatest honour here to celebrate the culmination of our doctoral studies which marks a significant milestone in our lives. I am grateful for this opportunity to share a few words. Today the time here tells the truth, our hard work, efforts, dedication and sacrifices. After years and years under our mentors, advisors and colleagues' support, we have learned and made a remarkable contribution in our fields of study. On behalf of all of the graduates, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all professors, University of Saint Joseph, supervisors in the laboratory, and other faculty members.

Today is not just about celebrating our individual academic achievements, we must know that we have multipurpose with our different stages of lives and roles here as well. As we move forward, we will face many challenges and uncertainties. Whether we are going on with our existing jobs or moving on to new careers in academia, industry, or government, we shall be making a positive difference in the world with our advanced degree acquired from this university. We can make use of our knowledge to educate and inspire the next generations and practitioners, volunteering in community services, and playing an active role in environmental and social issues with resilient and innovative solutions.

I am a father of two children and am working in a senior position in a company. My road to be a PhD starting from the year of 2015. During that time, I asked my son in secondary school the question: "what are your ambitions and dreams in the future?" "A high school teacher", that's what he said back. I encouraged him, why not set a higher aim to be a Professor in a University? He further elaborated that it would be extremely difficult to complete a PhD. He predicted that by the time he's qualified enough to study a PhD, the learning environment, skills and topic would be completely different and a lot more difficult than my time in university some 30 years ago. Well, he's not wrong, he was only in Form 1. I understand why he restricts and refuses to acknowledge more possibilities. When I was young, Macao was just a small village city. People were living in a simple lifestyle, kids would run around with their bare feet. No one would believe that the city would develop and establish so many universities, especially a university like "USJ" today. The opportunities come with changes, change is the precursor of opportunities, but opportunities could only be realised through goals and visions. Depending on which year you're in, opportunity may mean very different things because opportunity changes with time, age and circumstances. Change is the essence of everything!



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Therefore, I decided to make a change and hoped that I could make it for my son and daughter. In the year 2015, I came back to school in USJ for the master's degree in environmental management. Then the next step, I started my PhD in 2017. But it was a one-way bus with no way to return, everybody was looking at me and asked how I manage since I do have a full time job. I was 50 years old when I started. I have a happy family, a successful career and probably everything I ever wanted. Yet I was still determined, because I wanted to inspire my children to open up their mindsets and realise that no matter how tough the process is, just be brave, be fun and just enjoy it!

Many tricks and methods have been tried out from ancient times, schools are the most tested way in societies to prepare for the next generation to maintain what has been achieved. Education remains the best way to prepare the next generation to carry on the legacy of society, to cope with change, to seize opportunities and to evolve forward. I always encourage my colleagues at work to continue their studies, because knowledge brings the power of change and discovering oneself. The most important thing about culture and civilization are values, not technology and definitely not entertainment. Even if my kids inherit all my wealth and live a slothful lifestyle, I am sure the society, their friends and competitors will still pressure them to get up, to set goals and seek opportunities. So the opportunities will surely come to you, just be prepared, keep waiting, be patient and get lucky. "Luck is when opportunity meets preparation, the best way to prepare is to keep on learning!"

Looking at the current world situation, our satisfaction is constantly changing. What we once dreamed of achieving may not be achievable. We will need to be flexible and adapt to changes and challenges presented to us. We shall enjoy the process of life.

Rounding up this speech, huge congratulations to the class of 2023. All of our hard work has finally paid off and we will be entering a new journey of life. I wish you all the best and Godspeed!

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畢業生致辭 – 李文壽

(科博士學)

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(...)

我非常榮幸能夠在這裡完成博士學位，意味着我們生命中的一個重要里程碑，很感谢大學讓我有這個機會分享幾句話。今天，時間證明了我們所有的辛勞、努力、奉獻和犧牲。經過老師、指導老師和同學多年支持，我們在研究領域不斷學習並成就卓越的貢獻。藉此機會，我謹代表全體畢業生，向聖若瑟大學的所有教授、實驗室導師以及其他教職員工表示感謝。

我是兩個孩子的父親，在一家公司擔任高級職位。我的博士之路是從 2015 年開始的，當時我問正在讀中學的兒子：「你未來的抱負和夢想是什麼？」兒子的答案是高中老師；我鼓勵他，為什麼你不設立一個更高的目標，成為一名大學教授？他進一步解釋，完成博士學位是極其困難的。他預言當他有足夠的資格攻讀博士學位時，學習環境、技能、話題都比我三十年前上大學的時候完全不一樣，難度也大很多。好吧，他沒有錯，他只是初中一年級。我理解他為什麼限制和拒絕更多的可能性；當我年輕的時候，澳門是一個小鄉村，人們生活簡單，孩子們光著腳到處跑，沒有人會相信這個城市會發展和建立這麼多大學，尤其是像聖大這樣的大學，機遇伴隨著變化，變化是機遇的先兆，但機遇只有通過目標和願景才能實現。不同的年代，機會的含義可能截然不同，因為機會會隨著時間、年齡和環境而變化。變化才是一切！

於是，我決定做出改變，希望能為我的兒子和女兒做出改變。2015 年，我重返校園並於聖大攻讀環境管理碩士學位。然後下一步，我在 2017 年開始讀博士。但這是一輛只能前進的單程車，每個人都在看著我，問我如何分配時間，因為我確實有一份全職工作，當我開始的時候已經 50 歲了；我有一個幸福的家庭，一個成功的事業，也許還有我想要的一切；但我仍然下定決心，因



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為我想激勵及啟發孩子們的思維，讓他們意識到無論過程多麼艱難，只要勇敢地、有趣地和享受地去做就可以了！

自古以來，許多技巧和方法都被嘗試過，學校是教育下一代以維持已經取得的成就是歷久不衰的方法。教育仍然是培養下一代繼承社會遺產、應對變化、抓住機遇和向前發展的最佳途徑。我總是鼓勵工作中的同事繼續學習，因為知識帶來改變和發現自我的力量。文化和文明最重要的是價值觀，而不是技術，更不是娛樂。即使我的孩子繼承了我所有的財富並以慵懶的方式生活，我相信社會、他們的朋友和競爭對手仍然會迫使他們站起來，設定目標並尋求機會。所以機會一定會降臨到你身上，只要做好準備，繼續耐心等待，就會有好運。「運氣就是機會加上準備，最好的準備就是不斷學習！」

縱觀當前世界形勢，我們的滿意度在不斷變化。我們曾經夢想實現的目標可能無法實現。我們更需要保持活力，適應面臨的變化和挑戰並享受生命的過程。

最後，向 2023 級同學表示熱烈的祝賀。我們所有的努力終於得到回報，我們將進入新的人生旅程。祝您一切順利！

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