

Address by the Principal

Principal Lau Tsz Chung

Good afternoon Ms. Hon, Mr. Tong, distinguished guests, parents, teachers, alumni, and our F.6 graduates.

It is with great pleasure that I stand before you today, as the principal, my first time, to welcome each and every one of you as we gather here today to celebrate in the Graduation Ceremony of our beloved school. Your presence here is truly indispensable and fills our hearts with joy.

During the opening ceremony in September, I shared our new school motto: "Treasure the past with a grateful heart and embrace the future with confident humility." These words encapsulate the essence of our journey together, and guide us as we reflect upon the remarkable achievements and moments that have shaped us.

So, in this speech, I want to say a big 'thank you' to various individuals and parties.

First and foremost, I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to our respected former principal, Mr. Cheung, who has laid a strong foundation for TYT. Under his exceptional leadership, we excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities. Our school has been well received by students and parents not only in Tuen Mun, but also beyond the district. In his final year as the principal, the percentage of students entering tertiary education reached nearly 100%, with about 90% pursuing degree programmes in local universities. Although the results for 2024 have not been released, I am confident and strongly believe you all will definitely achieve excellent and remarkable grades.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our former staff and alumni who have established several scholarships and sponsored student development this year, including Mr. Cheung himself. Their contributions will amount to approximately \$200,000 each year for the coming 10 years. This not only reflects the strong sense of belonging to TYTC, your alma mater, but also demonstrates the unwavering support for our school's development. Some of the donors are present here today on this

stage, and they will present their scholarships by their own hands to you. Please join me in giving them a round of applause.

Furthermore, I wish to express our gratitude to our government for their invaluable support. This year, through the Quality Education Fund (QEF), we have received funding of \$750,000 for the creation of smart classrooms and over \$900,000 for the establishment of IT innovation labs. In addition, the Education Bureau has provided about 2 million dollars for school major repairs in the coming summer, ensuring the highest standards of our school facilities. We are therefore grateful to Ms. Hon, the Chief School Development Officer, for her continuous support and guidance. Thank you, Ms. Hon.

I would also like to acknowledge the continuous support and trust extended to me as the new principal by our sponsoring organization, the Po Leung Kuk, including our supervisor Mr. Tong and the Principal Education Secretary, Ms. Lam, and also our IMC's independent manager, Dr. Peral Pai, who is the granddaughter of our school founder, Madam Tang Yuk Tien. Together with the Kuk, IMC, teachers, students, and all TYTCians, we will overcome the challenges ahead and continue to strive for excellence. With a deep love for our school in my heart, I am committed to leading our school towards even greater heights.

I must take a moment to acknowledge and express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated teachers and non-teaching staff. Our teachers' persevering devotion and commitment to teaching, especially during the HKDSE, is truly remarkable. They treat our students as their own sons and daughters, guiding them with love and care. Their selfless commitment to the growth and success of our students shows extraordinary professionalism, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. To all my fellow colleagues, thank you so much!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and family members present today. Your endless support and presence in the lives of our students have nurtured their success. Your love is the most precious gift you can give, and we are forever grateful. May I ask all F.6 graduates to stand up and give a big hand to your parents and family members.

Last but certainly not the least, I want to express my utmost pride and deep appreciation to our F.6 graduates. You have overcome immense challenges, particularly during the past few years marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. From F.2 to F.4, you faced the disruption of face-to-face schooling, yet you persevered. Last year, when we resumed normalcy, you played a vital role in ensuring the smooth resumption of school activities. You have demonstrated resilience. This year, the TYTCians Carnival was successfully held, and it is all due to your dedication and determination over these two years.

As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, I would like to offer you my blessings and well wishes.

Firstly, I encourage you to continue to immerse in the journey of learning, and to explore the world with an open mind and a thirst for knowledge in all aspects of life. Remember, education is lifelong, and every experience is an opportunity for growth.

Secondly, I urge you to embrace humility and honesty in all aspects of your lives. Let honesty be your guiding light, for integrity and truthfulness will pave the way towards a fulfilling and successful future. These virtues will guide you towards success and enable you to build meaningful relationships with others.

Lastly, may you enjoy and make the most of your university life, seize every opportunity for growth, learning, and personal development. Cherish the friendships you make, treasure every moment, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you present here today. Your presence not only signifies your support for our graduates but also demonstrates the strong bonds that tie us together as a big TYT family. Congratulations to our F.6 graduates, and may you all continue to shine brightly in your future endeavors. Today marks a significant milestone in your lives, and I am immensely proud of who you are, and who you will be. May your future be filled with success, happiness, and the fulfillment of your dreams.

Thank you.