

Address by Professor Way KUO President

Pro-Chancellor, Council Chairman, Members of the Council, Honorary Graduates, Honourable Guests, Graduates and Colleagues:

This is a very special day for our graduating students, and I would like to offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

You have reached an important milestone on a long journey, one filled with challenges and mental stimulation.

You know as well as I do that research is a team effort. Conducting any large-scale research project takes up an enormous amount of time.

But you have made it! And for that I am delighted.

You have helped, or have been helped, at various points along the way. It might have been the advice of a mentor, or even a comment by a mentee. Most likely it was the interaction between you, your teachers and your fellow students. Friendships have helped light the path through many complex problems.

And I am sure you have had great role models, too.

People like our Honorary Graduates this year, Mr Bernard Charnwut Chan, Mr Bruce Cheng, Professor Herbert Gleiter, and Mr David Harilela, are the best role models for all of us.

While they come from different circles, in business, industry and academia, each of them has an inspiring story to share with us, as you will learn from the citations. They are conferred honorary doctoral degrees in recognition of their significant contributions to education and the well-being of society. Their willingness to be part of us is a great honour for CityU.

Dear graduating students, whether you studied in business, the social sciences, the sciences, the creative arts, the law or energy and environment, I hope you have noticed that CityU is doing exceptionally well in teaching and research.

You have made your contributions as well. Your work in these fields, and across the disciplines, has definitely strengthened our performance. And now that you have finished your studies, I hope that your future careers will allow you to give something back to society.

Now is the time to consider how you can use your knowledge, skills and discoveries to benefit the communities around you.

It is clichéd to say but it is true: today is a beginning.

I hope that you will seize the opportunities that come your way to help make society safer, healthier, more prosperous and more fulfilling for everyone.

Best wishes and congratulations.
