

2013/2014 Graduation Ceremony

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Today marks the joyful celebration of Macao Polytechnic Institute's 2013/2014 graduation ceremony. On behalf of the Macao SAR Government, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all 2014 graduates and MPI staff who have worked so hard for them.

Ever since the establishment of the Macao SAR Government we have been resolutely pressing ahead with the policy of “developing Macao and nurturing talents for Macao through education”: increasing annual investment on education, providing necessary resources for tertiary education, non-tertiary education and residents' further education. Meanwhile, the Macao SAR Government, upon the steady development and overall enhancement of Macao's higher education, is taking further measures on talent development via modifying the system, constantly enhancing standards and widening the disciplinary areas of higher education; as well as promoting science and research on social development, expanding higher education for adults, and encouraging local talents to come back, stay and serve Macao. Our endeavours in nurturing

specialists with comprehensive talents, qualities, and dedicated hearts for the homeland, will improve the overall competitiveness of Macao in tackling challenges and changes; this will also serve as effective measures in developing Macao's society, economy, culture, and science and technology.

The Macao SAR Government will, as always, continue to support Macao Polytechnic Institute to carry out its educational mission: to develop professionals for practical services for Macao. The Government will encourage Macao Polytechnic Institute to bring its advantages into full play, to emphasize its characteristics to establish curricula and carry out teaching and research, to conduct management, teaching and research according to international standards, and to make its contribution to the further development of Macao's society, economy, science and culture.

The end of one journey marks the beginning of another. Dear graduates, you will soon be stepping onto a new path towards your next milestone. I hope

you will fully shine and showcase your intelligence and talents, while serving society with your knowledge and abilities, realize your values, your goals and your dreams.

Finally, I wish all of you great success and a bright future. All the best to all of you!

Thank you!