

# 畢業典禮

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Speech by President of  
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First of all, on behalf of Macao Polytechnic Institute, I wish to express my warmest welcome to Dr. Chui Sai On, the Chief Executive of Macao, and to all the distinguished guests for attending the graduation ceremony of MPI for 2016/2017.

The present academic year witnesses the graduation of around 650 students from degree programmes or courses of MPI. I would like to take this opportunity to give my heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates and their parents! My sincere gratitude also goes to the Macao SAR Government and other sectors in Macao and my dutiful MPI colleagues for their support.

Ever since 1999, as President of MPI, I have been staying true to the thought of “nurturing virtues through education”, the essence of MPI ethos. “To nurture virtues” is to prioritize moral integrity to guide, affect and motivate our students

with moral education; and “to educate” means to centre on the students and influence and shape them with the aim of cultivating talents for the society.

To practise the school ethos of “nurturing virtues through education”, our teachers have been imparting knowledge and disabusing the students of confusion or false beliefs with an observant mind of professional ethics, and our students have been targeting at excellence in character and learning with an unyielding heart.

It is right adherence to this school ethos that has directed MPI to adjust our courses and programmes in a timely manner, and has impelled MPI's pursuit of serving the community by cultivating the talents it needs, bringing MPI's strength into full play.

It is this school ethos that makes our students observe laws and discipline, honour creditability and stay away from cheating; that builds up the campus culture of valuing solidarity and conceiving concern for others; that evolves the spirit of sportsmanship rooted in the dragon boat team paddling on the Nam Van Lake since 1999; that brings 90% positive feedback from institutions and employers to guarantee a high enrollment rate and employment rate for MPI graduates; that gets positive comments for MPI from state leaders, ministers and officials of Europe, the Chinese Mainland and Macao; that wins the highest application rates for MPI among Macao higher education institutions

for seven consecutive years; that makes MPI the first higher education institution in Asia to successfully undertake Institutional Review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, UK (QAA); that brings back to track those few stray students, who finally gain for themselves the opportunity of further education in other institutions.

Our five thousand years of civilized history has proved and is proving that “nurturing virtues through education” is the only way to cultivate talents! That is certainly also true of MPI.

Here and now, we truly hope our graduates would carry forward this ethos of your Alma Mater and keep striving and improving in the coming journey of life. I sincerely wish all the graduates a bright and promising future!

Thank you very much!