



**VTC Graduation Ceremony  
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[Session 2]**

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Secretary Yeung (Mr Kevin Yeung, Secretary for Education), Dr Chen, Distinguished Guests, Graduates, Teachers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. I am delighted to join you all celebrate the achievements of our students. At the onset, may I congratulate most warmly the graduates of today! I also wish to thank our Guest of Honour, the Secretary for Education Mr Kevin Yeung for finding time to grace this ceremony and present the VTC's Honorary Fellowships, as well as our Chairman Dr Clement Chen, who has just conferred academic certifications to our students.

This ceremony is a welcome opportunity for us to recognise the hard work of our students, and also a testament to the commitment and dedicated support of their families, teachers as well as all of us here today.

At VTC, our aim is to bring out people's best and make positive impact on their lives by empowering students to learn beyond four walls and preparing them for the globalised world. Our 'think-and-do' approach also allows students to develop their professional skills and all-round competencies. It is always my pleasure to share this proud moment of our graduates and to personally congratulate them on their achievements. I am sure that the qualifications, knowledge and experience they have gained throughout their time at VTC will help them in their future endeavours.

Looking back on the past year, many of our students have lived up to our high expectations, turning in excellent performances not only in the academic side but display of skills excellence at different local and international competitions. The 44th WorldSkills Competition held at Abu Dhabi is one of these shining examples, where our talented students brought home one bronze prize and 7 Medallions of Excellence. At the World Solar Challenge, our IVE engineering students successfully made a six-day ride of 3,000 km across the Australian desert with their self-developed solar-powered car SOPHIE VI and came as the third runner-up in the Cruiser Class of this international solar car competition, outperforming strong contenders from USA, Australia and Singapore.

Dear Graduates, as you embark on the next chapter of your life, I want you to take charge of your personal development and embrace attributes for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Be motivated and innovative. In looking for success, there is no fear for failures as long as we grow stronger and learn lessons to overcome adversity.

「失敗乃成功之母」雖然是一句古老話，但今日的社會要求各位同學面對逆境仍能自強不息，所以這句古老話仍是大家的座右銘。我希望大家能以林徽音女士為學習模楷，她既是著名文學家、中國第一位女性建築學家，也是人民英雄紀念碑和國徽設計者之一。林女士在設計及文學上也有很高的造詣，她的成功有賴不斷學習，兼通文理，將跨學科、跨領域的智慧通融，獲得卓越成就。

各位同學，面對瞬息萬變的世界，要建立自身優勢，必須不斷學習，與時並進。我鼓勵大家把握每個學習機會，持續深化跨學科 **STEM+** 知識，即科學(**Science**)、技術(**Technology**)、工程(**Engineering**)、數學(**Mathematics**)及藝術(**Arts**)，成為知識廣博、創新靈活的通才。

最後，我要再次感謝業界、老師、家長親臨與我們一起見證畢業同學的成長里程。我衷心祝願各位同學今後在人生路上振翅高飛，迸發光芒。我亦希望你們常懷感恩之心。你們今日的成就，有賴父母、老師和家人的悉心栽培及支持。在此，我們亦要感謝 **VTC** 主席陳鎮仁博士陪伴我們走過成長路，帶領 **VTC** 發展。陳主席凡事親力親為，過去曾多次帶領 **VTC** 同學遠赴海外，參加世界技能大賽，並不時勉勵同學朝著目標奮發向上。我現在請所有畢業同學起立，為你們的父母、老師、家人及陳主席鼓掌，感謝他們一直給你們的教導扶持。多謝各位。