



**WMG Graduation Ceremony 2018  
cum Ceremony of Honorary Appointment  
21 April 2018 (Saturday)**

**Closing Address**

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Chairman of WMG School for Professional Development**

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Director Jeff STREETER (Director of British Council Hong Kong), Professor David MULLINS (Director of External and International Relations, WMG), Professor Amanda DOWD (Professor of WMG, the University of Warwick), Distinguished Guests, Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good morning. On this special day, I would like congratulate our graduates including those coming from the Mainland and Korea to join this joyful celebration. I wish you all a successful career ahead!

My congratulations also go to the Honourable Andrew Leung, Ms Clara Chan, Dr Raymond Leung and Dr Lewis Luk for being appointed as the Industrial Professor and Fellows of the University of Warwick. Your passion to inspire the younger generation as well as your contribution to the development of industries deserve great respect and deep appreciation.

Talent development is crucial to the sustainable development of a city, and education is the key. I always have great joy each time when I speak on this platform, celebrating the achievements with graduates, as I see new talents are emerging, ready to make a

difference in their lives and with a heart to serve others.

Speaking of talent development, I have a dual role to play:

First, as the Chairman of Vocational Training Council, I strive to steer the development of vocational and professional education and training, that is VPET, in Hong Kong. There is a perception in the public for valuing traditional academic education over VPET. As a matter of fact, VPET has become an indispensable part in both manpower development and the education system. The important role of VPET in developing human capital to support economic growth is best demonstrated in countries like Singapore, Switzerland, and Germany.

As a leading provider of VPET in Hong Kong, VTC is working hand in hand with the Government and industries in nurturing talents for the city. To align with the Government's vision in developing Hong Kong as a world-class smart city, we are in the process of establishing new facilities on VTC campuses to train up professional expertise. These new facilities include Building Information Modelling Innovation Hub (or we call BIMiHub), Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Big Data Studio, and IoT Lab. We establish these Smart City Innovation Centres for students to interact with experts from industries and enterprises in Hong Kong, and at the same time, for the public to learn the innovation applications and services for the smart city development. There are many more smart initiatives in VTC in the pipeline. Stay tuned.

Second, as the Industrial Professor and Chairman of WMG School for Professional Development Steering Group of the University of Warwick, my mission is to offer a platform for students to learn, exchange ideas and knowledge locally and internationally. I shall continue my efforts to forge a closer partnership between the University and the VTC for grooming a bigger pool of talents with brilliant intellect and expertise to excel in the evolving economic landscape.

Last but not least, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to Mr

Jeff Streeter, our guest of honour, and all the distinguished guests for joining this annual celebration today. Dear Graduates, I wish you be able to create meaningful, purposeful and fulfilling lives for yourselves and use what you learnt to make an impact and a difference in the lives of others.

All the best to you all and thank you!