



**Closing Speech of
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Consul General FOO (Ms FOO Teow Lee, Consul General of Singapore in Hong Kong), Andrew (Mr Andrew CHONG, Deputy Chairman of ITE), Ms LOW (Ms LOW Khah-gek, Chief Executive Officer of ITE), ITE Friends and VTC Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning! It's my pleasure to join you all at the closing of the seminar today. On behalf of VTC, I would like to thank Ms Foo Teow Lee, Consul General of Singapore in Hong Kong for gracing the Ceremony. My sincere appreciation also goes to our long-standing partner, the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) of Singapore, for jointly organising hosting this event. I must also thank each and every one of you for your active participation, making the seminar another great success.

In the digital new age, countries and cities around the world have put forward initiatives to make the world smarter and more livable. We all have a role to play in transforming our places into smart cities. Small ideas can make big impact. I am impressed by the presentations and exhibitions of our young students from which I can see your efforts in finding solutions to meet the needs of society. I wish to thank our distinguished speakers Mr Billy Lam, Mr Rickson Chow, and in particular Mr Eddie Lee, who has specially flown in from Singapore. We have benefitted from their insightful sharing. This seminar has given us all a lot of inspiration to grasp our role as a better member of the "Smart Generation".

What even counts more is our efforts to bring more convenience, vitality and connectivity to people. Dear students, to drive our vision forward, I strongly encourage you to put your innovative ideas to use whenever occasions arise. Be bold, embrace fresh perspectives and continue to apply technologies to your work and everyday life, bringing the most benefit to people and society.

Technology has changed the way we live, learn and work, but it won't change our need for companionship as human. I hope you have an enjoyable and memorable experience with your new friends touring around the different scenic spots and capturing the city pulse. I wish the friendships forged will grow into fulfilling bonds along your life journey.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the Organising Committee as well as ITE staff and VTC colleagues who have contributed to organising this seminar. In a minute, we'll see a video show of the memorable moments over the past three days. Do enjoy the refreshing highlights.

Thank you very much.