



**VTC Graduation Ceremony  
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The Honourable Matthew CHEUNG, Mr Clement CHEN, Distinguished Guests, Graduates, Teachers, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good afternoon.

It gives me great pleasure to be with you today to celebrate the achievements of our talented students at VTC. First of all, I would like to thank once again the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Matthew CHEUNG for finding time to grace this ceremony and present the VTC's Honorary Fellowships and Teaching Excellence Awards. I also wish to thank our Chairman, Mr. Clement CHEN, who conferred academic certifications to our students.

Graduates, we applaud you for successfully completing this important chapter of your lives. This occasion is one of immense pride for the VTC as we have sent forth so many competent, skilled and talented men and women who will enhance the strengths and versatility of Hong Kong's workforce.

Looking back on the past year, I am proud to see that our students have lived up to our high expectations, turning in sterling performances at several local and international competitions.

One shining example is the 42<sup>nd</sup> WorldSkills Competition held at Leipzig, Germany, where three of our students won the Medallions of Excellence. At the World Solar Challenge held in Australia, students from

our IVE engineering team emerged as the 3rd Runner-up with their solar-powered car SOPHIE. Our design students from HKDI also shone in various competitions.

In order to provide a vibrant learning environment and promote student success, we have continued to look for strategic partnerships. Recently, we have signed agreements with important local and overseas partners, including the Institute of National Colleges of Technology, Japan and the Hong Kong Jockey Club, providing opportunities to share expertise, knowledge and student exchanges.

Meanwhile, we have also expanded our physical infrastructure. Construction work for the new THEi campus in Chai Wan, the International Cuisine Institute in Pokfulam and new student dormitories are all progressing. In future, we hope to continue to expand our capacity and capabilities to ensure our students enjoy an upward progression pathway in study or in work. Indeed, Higher Diploma graduates who aspire to attain a degree award could articulate into the relevant THEi programme as a third year student as from the next academic year 2014-15.

The VTC's doors are always open for you and we stand ready to support your quest for a more productive and rewarding professional life whenever you feel the need.

The great philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer said:

"Talent hits a target no one else can hit;  
Genius hits a target no one else can see."

In closing let me wish all of you **true passion** and **great vision** in all of your future endeavours.

我要再次感謝主禮嘉賓、業界、老師、家長親臨與我們一起見證畢業同學的成長里程。最後，我希望以中國職業教育之父黃炎培的座右銘：「理必求真，事必求是，言必守信，行必踏實」來勉勵各位畢業同學，並祝願各同學前程錦繡。今年是我第一年以執行幹事身份出席畢業典禮，請讓我延續VTC過往的優良傳統，請畢業同學起立，為自己的父母和老師鼓掌，以示感激。多謝各位。