



**VTC 40th Anniversary Ceremony cum
Outstanding Alumni Award Presentation
13 June 2022 (Monday)**

**Welcome Speech by
Mr. Tony TAI
Chairman of VTC**

Chief Executive, the Honourable Mrs Carrie Lam, Michelle (Permanent Secretary of EDB), Alice (Permanent Secretary of LWB), Roy, Council Members, Training Board Chairmen, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

A very warm welcome to you all for attending the VTC 40th Anniversary Ceremony cum Outstanding Alumni Award Presentation today to celebrate the fruitful journey of the Vocational Training Council and envision the future together with us.

I would like to particularly express our sincere gratitude to the Chief Executive for her gracious presence today. We are most thankful to the Chief Executive and the Government for the staunch support over the years, enabling us to achieve our mission of skilling talents for Hong Kong through quality vocational and professional education and training (or VPET). My heartfelt thanks also go to our long-standing partners from the industry and academia, representatives from Consulates, friends from the Mainland and overseas organisations, alumni, our VTC colleagues and students for joining us today in person and online to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Forty years ago, the VTC was established as a statutory body in Hong Kong dedicated to vocational education. From five technical institutes to today's 13 member institutions with some 200,000 students every year, the VTC remains committed to nurturing a diversity of talents to support the socio-economic development of Hong Kong.

VPET remains an integral part of our education system, providing a parallel pathway for young people to pursue their dreams and move up the professional



ladder. Since the 1980s, over 900,000 graduates have been trained by various VPET institutions in Hong Kong, accounting for nearly 24 per cent of our city's workforce. Today, we are glad to present the Outstanding Alumni Awards to 14 distinguished alumni who have demonstrated to the world the real value of VPET through their professional accomplishments and significant contributions to society. Dear alumni, welcome back to your Alma Mater and my warmest congratulations to you all! We take great pride in your remarkable achievements!

Embracing the post-COVID era, the VTC moves with the times to meet the rising demand for skilled talents with an innovative and entrepreneurial spirit as well as a caring heart. We are delighted to see more and more graduates and students continuously applying their professional knowledge and new skills to contribute for the social good not just in Hong Kong, but also in the Mainland and beyond. To name just a few, Dennis Kwan, one of our outstanding alumni awardees, is running his IoT business in the Mainland, providing intelligent solutions to help enterprises transform in the digital age. Another awardee, Timothy Shuen, is dedicating himself to innovative research on cancer treatment at the National Cancer Centre in Singapore. Both of them are pushing new frontiers across the borders.

Inspired by numerous alumni role models, our students also put their innovative ideas into practice and make their mark in serving the community. For example, our Engineering students and teaching team have co-developed the anti-pandemic "U-Trap Refill Automator", a smart device to help prevent virus spread in local households in times of need. More innovative and award-winning applied projects are displayed in our campus today. All these amazing accomplishments testify to our commitment of "Skilling Talent • Sparking Innovation", which is also the theme of our 40th anniversary.

We are most delighted to see that the recognition and popularity of VPET are on the rise. Recently, the National People's Congress Standing Committee has approved the revision of Vocational Education Law with an aim to further promote development and recognition of vocational education in the Mainland. The VTC very much look forward to intensifying our collaboration with the Mainland institutions to organise exchange activities, industrial attachments and career development opportunities for our students and graduates, particularly



tapping new opportunities in the Greater Bay Area.

In the years to come, the VTC will continue to set sight on strengthening our VPET provisions and offering a valued pathway for young people to unlock their potential and contribute to building a smart, resilient and inclusive society. Taking this opportunity, may I appeal to you all for your continued partnering with us to co-create another meaningful and fruitful chapter of VPET development for the betterment of Hong Kong and beyond!

行政長官林鄭月娥女士、各位來賓，各位線上的朋友，大家好。多謝各位參與職業訓練局 40 周年暨傑出校友頒獎典禮，與我們一同見證 VTC 及職業專才教育的發展里程。

多年來，VTC 能夠長足發展，實踐使命，培育多元優秀人才，實在有賴政府、業界、贊助機構及所有合作伙伴一直以來的支持。今年是 VTC 成立 40 周年，我們以「成就專才 · 啟發創新」為主題，安排了多項周年活動，以展示學生、校友及教職員的創意與成就。在此，我謹代表 VTC 再次衷心感謝大家，讓我們繼續一起攜手，為年輕人及在職人士締造更多學習機會，掌握專業技能，為行業及社會貢獻所長。

多謝各位。