

## Graduation Ceremony

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Speech by Chief Executive of Macao SAR  
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Today, we are gathered here for the MPI Graduation Ceremony of the Academic Year 2018/2019 to witness all our graduates' recent success after their years of hard work in studying. On behalf of the Macao SAR government, I would like to express our enthusiastic congratulations to the graduates and their families, and also our sincere greetings and thanks to all the teachers and staff in Macao Polytechnic Institute, for their valuable dedication.

Nowadays, the integrated strength competition between nations is another word for the wisdom, knowledge and talents competitiveness, the improvement of which relies on the development of education. The level of higher education development is an important standard of a nation's development level and potential. Since qualified education strengthens the nation, it is necessary for us to pay attention to and put effort into the development of education, which depends on both recent and future prospects.

The Macao SAR government is implementing the development strategy of "Education-driven Prosperity for Macao" and "Building Macao by Capable Talents". To fully advance the balanced development of education, the

government is enhancing the top echelon of the design, planning and operation of the education sector. We are also enhancing the creative mindset and the overall concept of the situation in the education sector. We will continuously refine the policy support and enlarge the injection of resources to promote a fairer and more pragmatic education development so as to benefit all the Macao residents and to promote social fairness.

Higher education is an important component of the education system. It carries the honorable divine mission of nurturing and storing up talents. The government assembles all sectors of the community, with a common vision towards the new era and in light of the effective Higher Education Regime, to foster a new stage of development in higher education. We will encourage higher education institutions to reinforce and create the specialties and unique characteristics of local education. We will promote the combination of industry, universities and research institutes to improve the capacity of technological innovation so as to provide talents for the diversification of economic development. We will continuously optimize the education environment and facilities, enhance the teacher training, and

ensure the sustainable elevation of education quality. We will intensify the campus safety and cultural infrastructure to establish a more friendly environment for young people to acquire knowledge, cultivate morality, and showcase their abilities.

The Macao SAR government will actively support MPI's advantages of nurturing practical talents and its efforts to launch new subjects, offer more highly qualified courses, and promote cross-disciplinary research. We also support MPI's efforts to improve the education accreditation and promote the overall international standard, which is beneficial to building Macao into a base for the training of Sino-Portuguese bilingual professionals and forming an extensive talent pool, thus accelerating the formation of "One Centre, One Platform", and participating actively in the construction of The Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

Dear students and young people, you are entering a new era with the support of the Motherland; you are joining a new phase in the development of our city. This epoch has broadened your scope of development, and you are carrying the mission of the future on your shoulders. I do wish, you will cherish your time, work hard and learn hard, maintain good health, establish your goals, gather your courage, to step on your life's pathway and to pursue your dreams.

Last but not least, I wish all graduates a brilliant and wonderful future, and all the best to all of you here today.

Thank you.