

# Graduation Ceremony 2012/2013

Speech by  
President  
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Today friends from near and far gather at Macao Polytechnic Institute for its graduation ceremony of the Class of 2013. On behalf of MPI, I would like to extend my congratulations to all graduating students and their families, and a heartfelt welcome and gratitude to Mr. Chui Sai On, Chief Executive of Macao SAR, and other distinguished guests who have come to grace this occasion with their presence amid their tight schedules.

During the past academic year, we have continued to do our utmost to enhance teaching and learning, research, and administration at MPI. Thanks to wise guidance from the SAR Government, generous community support from all walks of life and in particular the steadfast trust bestowed upon us by our students and their families, as well as the persevering and conscientious work of our faculty and staff, a new batch of graduates have now completed their studies at MPI and

are ready to serve the community with their intellect and skills. According to MPI graduate surveys, our graduates are highly acclaimed and eagerly sought by world-class employers and higher learning institutions, which is the best affirmation of the work we do. This year is also the 8th consecutive year that MPI has received more applications for enrollment than any other higher education institution in Macao, more telling evidence of community recognition of MPI's philosophy of education and strength in school administration, teaching and research, as well as the career prospects of its graduates.

Ever since 1999, MPI has adhered to the principles of being rooted in Macao and nurturing practical talents to meet local needs. Our institute currently offers 18 bachelor's degree programmes, in addition to 9 master's and 2 doctoral programmes in collaboration with internationally-acclaimed universities. Taking advantage of MPI's traditional strengths in Portuguese language teaching and research, we have implemented a series of projects aimed at cultivating Portuguese language talent, in an effort to support the Central Government and Macao SAR Government's policy initiatives to build Macao into an exchange platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. In particular, our academic exchanges and cooperation with

Portugal and Brazil have reached a new level. In order to fulfill the Macao SAR Government's requirement that all local tertiary educational institutions must be internationally and professionally accredited, we are redoubling our efforts to achieve academic accreditation, as the same time as continuously enhancing our educational quality. Following the success of MPI's BSc Computing Programme in achieving academic accreditation at the highest level of quality granted by the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), we are striving to obtain accreditation from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (UK). With renewed determination, MPI people will contribute to the SAR Government's goal of building Macao into a centre of world-class tourism and leisure through cultivating a greater number of qualified personnel.

Finally, please allow me, as a teacher and elder, to wish the graduating students every success in their future endeavors. I wish you a great career ahead and the happiest life possible. Never stop learning, serve the community with all your heart and intellect, and become pillars of society.

Thank you all.