



2013/2014
*Graduation
Ceremony*

Speech by
President Lei Heong Lok

Today is the day for the Graduation Ceremony of MPI for the academic year 2013/2014. Accompanied by the glorious national anthem, one more class of graduates nurtured by our institution will move on to society from here. On behalf of the Macao Polytechnic Institute I extend my congratulations to the graduates and their parents. I also extend my warmest welcome to the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Mr. Cheong U, representative of the Chief Executive, and to all the guests present here, especially Prof. Adriano Moreira coming afar from Portugal, and Prof. Tai Chang-Hsien, Vice President of the Pingtung University of Science and Technology of Taiwan. I have to extend my gratitude to all faculty and staff who have worked hard for our students to complete their study successfully. We also have to express our special thanks to the President of the China Sculpture Academy, Prof. Wu Weishan, who is internationally renowned for his achievements in the arts. He has donated a statue of Confucius, “the model educator for all ages”, to the Macao Polytechnic Institute. This reflects perfectly our Institute’s motto, “knowledge, expertise, global vision”,

and will forever encourage our staff and students to be “insatiable in learning and tireless in teaching”.

During the academic year of 2013/2014 our Institute became the first tertiary institution in Macao to hold a successful review conducted by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (UK), achieving an appraisal of “Confidence”, being similar to appraisals for other reputable universities in the UK with respect to our academic standards and institutional management. This achievement helps implement the tertiary education plan of the Macao SAR government.

In this academic year, our institute continues to follow the direction of rooting itself in Macao, serving the society, and cultivating practical local talents. We are also dedicated to perfecting and improving our teaching quality. The rate of employment and the rate of students furthering their studies have been kept at a ratio of 90% for the last decade. The employers and institutions to which our students have advanced have given high appraisals of our graduates. Therefore, our local enrolment has ranked first among all the tertiary institutions in Macao for consecutive years.

In the present academic year, we have experienced very encouraging achievements in research. The *MPI Journal* has been ranked one of the highest in terms of citations of academic articles in the 2013 “Duplicated Materials from Newspapers and Periodicals”, and the reprint rate is ranked thirteenth of the 1,150 tertiary institution journals across the nation. Prof. Mao Sihui was elected as the new President of the International Association for Intercultural Communication Studies by its Board of Directors. Associate Prof. Lang Bin proudly obtained second prize in the 2013 State Scientific and Technological Progress Awards. Associate Prof. Chan Ka Yin and Leong Sok Lei were granted an invention patent by the State Intellectual Property Office. Inventions by Lecturer Tang Su Kit and Prof. Tong Hoi Yee have obtained the National Utility Model Patent.

This academic year also witnessed numerous achievements by our students. Li Lu Tai Long from the Music Programme held a solo concert in Taiwan and received favorable reviews from the media there. Wang Kun, from the School of Physical Education and

Sports, won the championship of both the Men’s and Senior categories in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon. Chao Weng San, from the School of Business, achieved the Excellent Performance Award in the World Skills Competition against strong competition from students in 47 countries and regions.

In mid-May this year a delegation of culture and arts, which mainly consisted of our students, went to Portugal and performed in renowned universities including Coimbra University and Lisbon University. In addition, the Portuguese President visited our institute on May 18th. All these events further strengthened our determination and confidence in realizing the advantages of our Institute in teaching and research of Portuguese, helping our nation to expand trade and cultural exchanges with Lusophone countries and regions.

All our achievements are attributable to the guidance and care of our government, to the help and support of all walks of society, and to the joint efforts of all our staff and students including every graduate here. At this moment, please allow me, in the role of a teacher and senior, to express my heartfelt desire that

all graduates maintain and strengthen the MPI spirit of exerting effort to strive for the first class, follow the path of “taking pride in my alma mater and being her pride”, and enjoy a magnificent and colorful life.

Thank you very much!