

Graduation Ceremony

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Speech by Acting Chief Executive Ms Chan Hoi Fan
Secretary for Administration and Justice

Today we are gathered here to celebrate the annual graduation ceremony of Macao Polytechnic Institute. First of all, on behalf of the Macao SAR Government, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all 2015 graduates, their parents and teachers.

Our youth are the future of society; education is an engine to drive the future. While education holds out hope for thousands of families yearning for a better life, it also carries with it our expectations for the future of society.

The Macao SAR Government continues to maintain its governing philosophy of “developing Macao via education” and “building Macao through talents”, and putting educational development as a top priority. We are hastening our steps to push ahead with the construction of a long-term mechanism for education and talent training; we are making efforts to develop “education for all” and “lifelong learning”. On the basis of optimising the fifteen-year free education policy, we are working hard to move on with further comprehensive developments in higher education to ensure that Macao residents enjoy better, fairer educational conditions which will enable

them to acquire the capabilities necessary to serve the community, make positive contributions to the world and create a better future.

The Macao SAR Government will continue to strengthen our systems, exerting every effort to improve rules and regulations in the higher education sector and to provide a long-term plan for the development of higher education. While putting more into higher education we will also implement a more rational distribution of these resources, continuously optimising the teaching environment and facilities and providing support for teacher training, to form an excellent and efficient team of teaching staff, consequently facilitating an overall improvement in our higher education standards.

We are happy to see that Macao Polytechnic Institute has been making steady progress, especially its gratifying achievements in academic accreditations which meet international standards. The Macao SAR Government will continue to support MPI to maintain its educational philosophy: taking root in Macao and serving the community. We will also encourage MPI to continue to

make full play of its unique advantages and distinguishing characteristics, to legitimately wield its autonomy and flexibility to run the Institute, to enhance its three functions of teaching, research and social service, to continuously upgrade its teaching quality, and to make a positive contribution to the overall development of Macao’s human resources and talent pool.