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Words of Appreciation by Ms Lo Ka Ling
(Session 6)

Professor Lui, distinguished guests, fellow graduates, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon!

I am LO Ka Ling, a graduate from the Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Visual Arts) programme. It is my honour to deliver this speech on behalf of the graduating class of 2017. For those who know me well, you will probably think that I have prepared this speech in the same way as I did my assignments: quick completion shortly before the deadline. But the hard truth is that I did spend a lot of time on preparing this speech, encapsulating many sweet and sour memories accumulated over the past five years.

We finally made it! Looking back on our freshmen year, it seems just like yesterday: the first orientation camp, the first lecture, the first project, the first night in the hostel room and even the first meal in the canteen. Time flies and we are all here today, celebrating our university journey's happy ending. I would like to thank all the parents, families, friends and fellow classmates who have made this remarkable journey possible. These are the people who know our strengths, gave us a hand when we thought of giving up, inspired us to think harder and do better when we could not figure out answers, and perhaps even took the best ever photos when we fell asleep during the lectures. I vividly remember that we stayed up late in the studios for doing printmaking and ceramic works. I can also recall those intense moments of fighting to meet deadlines in the computer lab and library. We were not alone in our learning journey. Our fellow students were always around us. So, I hope you will thank your U-mates for their helpfulness and support!

Time tests and validates. It does not only let us learn more about people around us, it also allows us to get to know more about ourselves. Think about how far we have come in this five-year study programme. On behalf of our fellow graduates, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our alma mater, The Education University of Hong Kong, for giving us opportunities, challenges and a beautiful campus, thereby nurturing us for the education profession and other fields. Most importantly, big thanks to all of our professors and tutors for their guidance, time and unfailing support. Thank you for equipping us for the real world. Our fellow graduates, let's put what we have learnt to good use. No matter what the future may unfold, keep dreaming sweetly and moving forward bravely. Albeit inevitable ups and downs in life, I strongly believe our persistence and effort will triumph.

Once again, sincere thanks to our professors, families and friends, and congratulations to the cohort of graduates in 2017! Thank you.