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Honorable Ms. Ao Ieong U, Representative of the Chief Executive of the Macao S.A.R. and Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture,
Honorable Mr. Li Xuefei, Director of the Education and Youth Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao S.A.R.,
Honorable Dr. Liu Chak Wan, Chancellor and Chairman of the University Council, Macau University of Science and Technology,
Honorable Chair Professor Joseph Hun-wei Lee, Vice-Chancellor and President of Macau University of Science and Technology,
Distinguished guests, teachers, students, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

I am Kelvin Zhang Yihang, a teacher from the Faculty of Hospitality and Tourism Management. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to welcome the class of 2024 to join and become members of this great academic community. Many of you come from different corners of the world, carrying different experiences, cultures, and traditions. Nonetheless, all of you will embark on a critical and transformative journey for the next four years, a new chapter of your life which will be filled with hopes, opportunities, challenges and most importantly, personal growth.

Yet starting your academic journey can be a bit daunting, filled with mix emotions, thrill, anxiety, and maybe a touch of homesickness. But I assure you that it will also be filled with wonder and excitement. Please remain curious, adventurous, and face each day with a positive attitude.

While having good grades is important, we also want to emphasize the need to develop personal characters. We encourage free thoughts, the exchange of diverse viewpoints, and respect differences of all cultures and social backgrounds. We also hope that students can learn to respect others, cherish friendship, and live up to the highest standards you possibly could. Here, you are not only a student, but also a member of our MUST community.

Outside your academic studies, I would like to remind everyone to experience the thrills of university life in its entirety. Get involved in the University's and Faculty's clubs and activities, participate in events and festivals, make lifelong friendships, cultivate your hobbies and interests. All these experiences will enrich your education journey. Our shared goal is not only to have you graduate with a degree to certify the high level of knowledge you've achieved, but also to enjoy personal growth in all fronts and develop the best version of yourself in the next four years.

Lastly, we hope students will remember, your effort and your personal characters will create endless possibilities for your future. We hope to witness every progress you make and every growth you encounter. We wish your steps entering the university are filled with determination and confidence. We look forward in the coming days to walk together with you

that will most certainly be full of joy and harvest.

Thank you!