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Representative of New Undergraduate Students

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（Program of Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery）

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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, members of faculty and fellow students, good morning.

I am Filemácio Hélvio Hung Mendes, a new undergraduate student pursuing the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degree at the MUST Faculty of Medicine. I am honoured to stand before you today as this year's Freshman Representative and witness this special day with you. Please allow me to express our heartfelt gratitude, on behalf of all my fellow classmates, to all the principal officers, guests, members of faculty and students for taking time out of your busy

schedules to attend today's Opening Ceremony. I would also like to congratulate all my fellow classmates as we have now become a part of the MUST family.

Today marks the beginning of a brand new and important chapter in our lives. We have officially turned the page, embarking on a journey full of opportunities and challenges. On this journey, we will explore new ideas, create new memories and meet new friends. We may come from different backgrounds from all around the world, but starting from today we share one identity: we are MUST students.

Higher education is another key stage of growing up. Faced with a new stage in life, I believe my fellow freshmen and I are filled with hope and dreams. I hope we will all enjoy our academic time at MUST, work together as a united force and seize the opportunities ahead. We made the choice to apply to MUST and are honoured to have been admitted. The university has given us our first opportunity to pursue our dream careers and paved our first step towards contributing to society.

Throughout our future studies, we should study hard and absorb professional knowledge, as well as give ourselves space for logical thinking. At the same time, we can meet like-minded friends and improve our professional skills. We should also broaden our vision, pay attention to current events, learn about the world and cultivate our breadth of mind. Education breeds confidence, confidence brings

hope, hope leads to peace. I firmly believe that we, filled with passion and dreams, with confidence and hope, daring to innovate and take responsibility, will be able to achieve academic success and contribute to society.

Finally, I wish everyone good health and happiness!

Wishing all students great success in your studies and a bright future!

Wishing our school an even brighter future!

Thank you!