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Honorable Chair Professor ZHU Jian-Kang, President of Macau University of Science and Technology,

Distinguished guests, teachers, students, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

I am Chen Qin from the Faculty of Law. It is my great honor, on behalf of the teaching staff, to extend our warmest welcome to all new students. Welcome to the MUST family.

Today, I would like to begin with our university motto: Dedication to practical studies, enhancement of knowledge, ability, and quality. It includes Investigation of Things and Sincerity of Mind.

Investigation of Things means seeking knowledge outwardly, maintaining patience and reverence for one's environment and field of study. Sincerity of Mind means cultivating oneself inwardly, approaching knowledge and others with sincerity. This motto is Must's gift to every student—a way of navigating the world.

Why does studying in Macao particularly call for "Investigation of Things"? Because this land itself is a living textbook. For centuries, Eastern and Western civilizations have converged here; Lingnan local life coexists with Portuguese European heritage, layered by multiple languages and cultures. Every step you take and every deeper inquiry you make will unlock another dimension of its civilizational depth.

And each of your majors has a unique way of unfolding in Macao. Business students may feel the real dynamics of cross border economic and trade ties between Hengqin and Macao. Engineering students can translate knowledge into real world innovation at the forefront of the Greater Bay Area's science technology development. Humanities students may decipher the logic behind co existing diverse civilizations. Medical students can practice benevolent healing at the intersection of Chinese and Western medicine. Law students can grasp the essence of rules through comparative studies



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across legal jurisdictions. This city itself is your most vivid classroom for practice—worthy of deep exploration in the spirit of Investigation of Things.

If Investigation of Things is the yardstick for scholarship, then Sincerity of Mind is the fundamental aspiration for life. The ultimate end of knowledge is always the human being. Knowledge ultimately serves humanity. Business practitioners ought to perceive people's livelihood behind statistics. Engineers ought to infuse human warmth into technology. Humanities scholars ought to understand human sentiments embedded in classics. Medical practitioners ought to safeguard human lives in clinical practice. Legal practitioners ought to uphold justice behind legal provisions. Approaching scholarship with sincerity keeps superficiality and perfunctoriness at bay. Living by sincerity guards against quick gain opportunism. Treating others with sincerity fosters constant empathy and kindness.

Students, you are standing at the most precious stage of life. Beneath your feet is a land where East and West converge; beside you are like-minded companions; ahead of you lies a future of infinite possibilities. May you seek truth through the investigation of things, cultivate yourself through sincerity of mind, and grow into young people with competence, warmth, and responsibility on this land!

Thank you!