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Representative of New Undergraduate Students
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Honorable Chair Professor ZHU Jian-Kang, President of Macau University of Science and Technology,

Distinguished members of Senior Management, guests, teachers, students, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

I am Ieong Lok I, a first-year student in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme from the Faculty of Medicine. I am truly honoured to deliver a speech on behalf of all undergraduate freshmen at this Opening Ceremony. Today marks a significant moment as we bid farewell to our secondary school days and embark on our university journey. I am looking forward to the upcoming university life.

To me, university is like a bridge that offers abundant resources, steers us in the pursuit of our dreams and allows us to spread our wings. Yet this bridge does not guarantee that our dreams will come true. We still have to strive toward our goals through our own efforts. As stated in the university motto, “Dedication to practical studies, enhancement of knowledge, ability and quality”, we should stay focused and study diligently throughout our university years, striving to improve our knowledge, competence and personal qualities. Meanwhile, we must not overlook the importance of all round development. We should actively take part in club activities, competitions, exchange programmes and internships. These practical experiences not only help us gain deeper self awareness, but also enhance our comprehensive capabilities.

Nevertheless, what university brings us goes far beyond the enrichment of knowledge and skills. University serves as a critical transition from student life to society, a turning point where we move from passive growth to taking control of our lives. For the past eighteen years, our studies and daily lives have been well planned. But now, upon entering university, we must take responsibility for our own choices and actions. For this reason, we need to seize every opportunity proactively and cherish



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every chance for personal growth. In class, we should think critically and ask thoughtful questions. In our spare time, we should explore our interests actively. Only by taking initiative, daring to try new things and stepping out of our comfort zones can we turn countless possibilities into tangible achievements and progress.

From my past experience, I deeply understand that learning is a journey filled with ups and downs. Just as Michael Jordan once said, "I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." We can hardly achieve genuine success without learning from our mistakes. Therefore, I strongly encourage my fellow schoolmates to embrace every challenge that lies ahead. Do not fear setbacks when difficulties arise. Instead, treat each hardship as an opportunity for self reflection and personal growth. Every trial we endure will shape our resilience and equips us with greater wisdom for the journey ahead.

Dear fellow students, university is one of the best times in our lives. May we treasure these precious and youthful years, grasp every fleeting opportunity, make the most of our youth and stay true to the aspirations in our hearts. Let us find our life purpose here, pursue truth through learning, temper our true selves in practice, bravely chase our dreams and write our own unique chapters of youth.

Last but not least, I would like to wish all teachers success in your work and good health. I also wish that every student will grow and thrive on this campus and follow the path of their dreams.

Thank you!