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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!

My name is Liu Yuechen, a first-year PhD student in Biomedical Sciences from the Faculty of Medicine. Standing here today, what I feel most strongly is not simply, “*Where have I come from?*” but rather, “*Where will I begin again?*”

If I were to choose one word for this new beginning, it would be “bridge.”

Five years ago, during my time at Yale University, I studied artificial intelligence and biomedical informatics, and met professors and students from many different countries and cultures. That experience taught me that science knows no borders.

It was also there that I realized I was standing on a bridge — between an open and collaborative global scientific community and a China with growing confidence and strength in science and technology.

Later, at the National Center for Translational Medicine of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, I saw another bridge.

Science and technology were no longer just ideas on paper. They were reaching hospitals, doctors, and patients. I became increasingly convinced that the true power of technology lies not in how impressive it looks, but in whether it can truly make a difference in people’s lives.

This year, I took part in the preparation of the 2026 World Artificial Intelligence Conference. One remark in particular stayed with me: “Promote AI globally for the positive, for good and for humanity.”



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The further technology advances, the more important it is to remember what it is ultimately for: people, health, and a better life.

It was these experiences that brought me to Macau University of Science and Technology.

Macao is a very special city — rooted in China and connected to the world. MUST is also a very special university: young and bold in breaking new ground; open and inclusive. With five national research platforms, the Faculty of Medicine, the Macao Translational Medicine Center, and many other leading research institutions, MUST is making continuous breakthroughs in interdisciplinary fields such as Chinese medicine, lunar and planetary science, medicine, artificial intelligence, and public health. A growing number of teams are participating in major national science and technology initiatives and producing high-quality results. Since arriving here, I have been impressed by MUST's rigorous academic culture, strong research facilities, and a diverse and global perspective — a place where we can focus on our work and look beyond—toward a bigger, brighter future.

Coming to MUST is about stepping onto this bridge toward the future — and I hope that one day I can become someone who continues to build bridges.

I have always believed that our generation is fortunate. We live in an age of rapid technological progress. Technology may have boundaries, but serving humanity should not. Scientific research may have a starting point, but our pursuit of health equity and human well-being has no end.

May we begin with curiosity, move forward with responsibility, and grow with purpose. And here at Macau University of Science and Technology, may we write our own answers into the future.

Thank you!