
President's Address for 2022 College/School Commencement

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Graduates, CityU faculty and staff, cherished family members and friends:

Welcome to this year's Commencement!

Thank you for spending your time with us on this incredibly special occasion, as we celebrate a significant milestone for the Class of 2022.

Today marks the commencement of your post-university lives, as you enter the world of professional work. All your diligence, application and dedication have led you to this moment. It has been an incredible journey, and now you are ready to start your careers.

I am confident that your education journey at CityU has equipped you with the knowledge and skills needed for your future careers. However, our efforts will pay dividends only if you can meet the changing demands of today's workplace. The University has laid the foundations, but please remember that learning is a lifelong pursuit.

The world of work today emphasises the need for creative thinking and entrepreneurial talent, and at CityU we have tried to nurture such skills. For example, I am certain many of you have already heard about our flagship entrepreneurship programme here at CityU: HK Tech 300.

This pioneering initiative signifies the University's commitment to empowering our students and graduates in establishing start-ups. We have committed \$500 million to the project and aim to build 300 start-ups over three years. CityU has provided growth opportunities for our graduates through HK Tech 300, and you can now build on what you have learned, and realise your entrepreneurial dreams.

Let's recall what Lao Tzu once said: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Please remember, it is tenacity and perseverance, more often than not, that will result in success.

As you commence your new lives today, CityU will always be there to support you. We can stay in touch through events such as our new University Day. This new annual event is the first of its kind in Hong Kong and will be held every March. The occasion will allow us to share our latest news and achievements with you.

At our inaugural University Day in the 3rd week of March, we took the opportunity to boost a sense of belonging to CityU by introducing our first-ever University Mascot, which takes the form of a tiger. It is my greatest wish that every one of you now possesses the qualities

embodied in our Mascot – to be as wise, vital, vigorous, strong, and proactive as a tiger. Additionally, we launched Part 2 of the University Anthem, titled “Worldliness”, a refreshed version that captures our aspirations to integrate teaching and research, and our determination to stay focused on education.

There is no question that the past months have been hugely challenging. But we should be proud that we persisted despite the difficulties. I would especially like to thank all faculty and staff for their steadfast devotion, which has ensured that CityU continues to provide a world-class learning environment.

We must also thank your family members and friends. We should never forget how their love and sacrifice have helped you arrive at this Commencement ceremony today.

Dear graduates, let me end by offering you my absolute best wishes in all your future undertakings.

Thank you.
