

Speech of the Commencement Exercises
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In the name of the Almighty, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Honorable Board of Regents, Honorable University President, Distinguished Board of Education Dignitaries, learned faculty members, distinguished academicians and administrations, galaxy of luminaries on and off the dais, parents, ladies and gentlemen and the last but not the least, the stars of today's celebration, the candidates for graduation.

A very Good morning to everyone present here. Peace be upon you!

It is indeed a great honor for me to be standing here before such a distinguished gathering. I am, indeed, overwhelmed by seeing this congregation of young people who will be going out to serve the world with the knowledge they have acquired here.

Dear Guests,

It gives me great pleasure to be present with all of you present in this hall. Heartiest congratulations to all the candidates for graduation for completing their hard work with perseverance. Congratulation is also due to parents and guardians for the sacrifices they have made for their children and to PUNP academicians for turning these students into graduates to complete their studies successfully.

Respected Gathering,

Students all over the world wait for this grand day – the day of graduation – a day of recognition. This day is important for the University and the students as well. This day, the University feels proud, seeing the young boys and girls coming out in flying colors with the Degrees and Diplomas in their hands to begin a new journey.

Ladies and gentlemen,

The Philippines has a simple literacy rate of 95.6%, and a functional literacy rate of 86.45%. It consists of about 7,641 islands and is the seventh-most populated country in Asia and the 12th most populated country in the world. The Philippines is considered to be an emerging and a newly industrialized country, full with natural

resources, which has an economy based on agriculture, services, manufacturing, shipbuilding and repair, automotive, aerospace, electronics, mining and extraction, minerals, machinery, off-shoring, outsourcing, transportation, science and technology, communications, tourism and hydrology. Therefore, this country has a huge opportunity in entrepreneurship. As English is vastly practiced in educational and official level, alongside the national language 'Filipino', it is very much possible to penetrate International market as well as local— this has made this country a heaven full with opportunity.

Dear Graduates,

You belong to a country which is being developed day by day. So, after graduation you must contribute towards all sort of development of the nation. As PUNP alumni, you should become models for your juniors and promote your Alma Mater. As your supreme responsibly, you have to continue to support the development of education to Philippines into a developed nation. I want you to become a leader in that field and contribute to Philippines' future as well as the human development and the improvement of society's welfare. In order to make the best decision, you have to employ multiple and broad perspectives.

Beloved Graduates,

I am sure you look forward to the years to come. I would like to wish you all success in your respective careers. As professionals challenge yourself to function efficiently, communicate effectively, be a good team player and provide your services professionally and with civility and humility. The ability to respond well in rough and tough situations is the hallmark of a good professional.

There is no alternative for positive attitude. Be humble and polite. Respect others. Be honest in your intention and action. Buildup your networking and communication, you don't know who will play role for making your life easy in coming days. Try to generate ideas from your every walk of life and obviously you have to turn the idea in to achievement. Mind it, all ideas will not be viable, so what, maximize your vision and farsightedness, keep practicing and you need a click to turn an idea into a success. Grow-up your Entrepreneurial ability. Don't wait for the opportunity; you have to make your own prospect. Be accountable and transparent. Grab all opportunity when come. Keep spirit up for achieving something by your determination and action. And I boldly believe, from my experience, all these are the secret of your success!

Dear Alumni,

As a populated country, Philippines has a lot of scope to make stride through entrepreneurship. An entrepreneur is confident, endurable, challenge taker, earn credibility, maintain and develop relationship, never gives up, take revenge of any insult with achievement, generate ideas, learn from mistakes, keep patience and tolerance, learn continuously from all, values time as money, think big, create opportunity for self and others, achieves leadership through love and an ultimate winner at any cost.

Never forget to pay back to society and meet up your social responsibilities from keeping morality and ethics intact. Never forget your Alma Mater. You have to learn the art of giving. Charity is an important principle in every religion. You must be prepared to accept these challenges and remain determined as you pursue your quest to become qualified and highly skilled professionals and contribute to the developing nation to bring the Philippines out of all sorts of poverty. Stay focused and be determined; be prepared to learn and to take the rough as well as the smooth.

Dear Future Leaders,

Human beings are the best creation of the Almighty. He has created human being for special purpose, for doing well for you, and for others. An animal (zebra, camel, horse, cow, for example) can walk very soon after being born; birds (hen, duck, for example) and reptiles (crocodile, snake, for example) can swim very soon after being hatched; but it takes more than a year for human being to walk, and two more years to speak. It implies a planned development of the civilization. It is the Almighty himself who desires human being to be entrepreneur, i.e., creating opportunity for others.

Research suggests human brain is 30 times as powerful as the best Supercomputers. It is also researched that, a Supercomputer takes 40 minutes to map 1 second of brain activity. An idea can change the civilization with productivity and opportunity. Your thoughtful plans can be turned into more than a million dollars outcome! So, properly plan before your action and thought well, believe me, you have that capacity and that is God gifted!

Dear Young Entrepreneurs!

An Entrepreneur is as 'tolerable' as a mountain. Achievement will not come in a day. You have to invest time, hardship, patience and merit. You have to create opportunity; you have to wait for the right time and chances; you have to rightly explore the

chances you might experience. Sometimes, situation will not to your favor, you have to be patient to be a successful personality. Pick examples from the history, patience has brought sweet return of success and victory. All religions also preach to have patience!

An Entrepreneur is as 'endurable' as a diamond. Diamond is the hardest material in the world; and also very precious! Accumulated, compacted and altered plants form a sedimentary rock called coal, which also merged with fossil— that is stored at the core of the earth since a long time and under huge pressure. Entrepreneurs become precious when they are durable, capable of taking load and pressure. It's the rarity that all common people do not possess. It is you who have to prove endurance. As much as you are able to uphold your courage and stamina, you will prove your rarity, and all will count you as a successful gem, a diamond!

Dear Graduates,

As young graduates you are about to embark on your own extraordinary journey and create your own life adventures. I congratulate you for the hard work, pressure of examination – you must be thinking are over. This day will continue to remain as a significant milestone in your life's journey. You must know for sure that the competition will not end until you feel confident of meeting uncertainties and challenges and face those with a positive attitude.

You will find, life is a mysterious web which is filled with many twists and turns, with cross roads and many dead ends. You must try to enjoy the journey at every point. The world is filled with people eager to tell you that your dreams are impossible. Their negativity can kill your enthusiasm. Keep up your spirit and speed.

You must thank your parents, who toiled so hard and made sacrifices to help you become what you are today. You must be thankful to the Almighty for giving you the opportunity to be in a better place. Think about a child who has not been as fortunate as you are. Think about the parents of the poor. It is your responsibility to ensure that the world is as much his or hers as much as yours. You need to bring the full power of your intelligence, wisdom and knowledge to improve the life of everyone on this earth. It is not impossible. This is your dream. Go out in to the real world and do it. Last but not the least; the world is a place for giving. You always will be remembered for caring enough, for helping someone, for making someone feel special.

I wish you a great future ahead and I thank you for listening to me very patiently.