

Welcome Remarks at the Joint High Table Dinner of HSMC Jockey Club Residential Colleges

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Honorable Speaker Miss Kim Lim, Colleagues and Students,

Good Evening. A warm welcome to you all to the Annual Joint High Table Dinner of Hang Seng Management College Jockey Club Residential Colleges.

As a fine tradition originating from leading universities with a Residential College system, a High Table Dinner is a social, educational and inspiring experience for our students, providing an opportunity for them to interact with and learn from distinguished guests, faculty members and fellow students in a more formal setting.

In our unique 'Liberal + Professional' education model, residential life experience complements the formal curriculum, allowing our students to gain more intellectual breadth and empowering them to become more well-rounded individuals. Through active participation in the Residential College programmes and activities, students can benefit from ample opportunities to build up their social networks, learn from their peers, appreciate cultural diversity, master self-discipline, develop interpersonal and team skills, and cultivate leadership.

When I cast my mind back, I am most grateful for what has been achieved today. The establishment of four Residential Colleges in September 2015 was one of our significant achievements in providing high-quality student experience. Our Masters, Associate Masters, and Resident Tutors have worked hand-in-hand with other colleagues to foster a creative and collaborative culture at the Residential Colleges, while at the same time, giving individual attention and pastoral guidance to our students.

This year, I am delighted to see the teams flourish by having over 60 faculty members to join as Residential College Fellows. Students and Fellows will meet and chat with each other at the Residential Colleges under different occasions. In the coming years, besides more casual discussions and talks, we have also planned to conduct some

credit-bearing common core and general education courses at the Residential Colleges (RC), combining living with learning in our RC community.

My students, I encourage you to actively participate in the Residential College programmes, and grasp the chance to engage interactions with residential and non-residential faculty members, as well as peers and guests. You will find that learning can take place anytime, anywhere.

This evening we are most grateful to have Miss Kim Lim, our honorable speaker, to share with us on youth sustainability leadership. Miss Lim is the co-founder of the Picha Project, a social enterprise rebuilding lives of refugees in Malaysia through a sustainable food business. I admire her commitment towards refugees' welfare and awareness, and I am certain that her sharing tonight will inspire you, and facilitate your thinking on how young people can make positive changes to the society.

Lastly, I hope all our student residents will reap the greatest benefits from your residential college life and find this experience truly fulfilling and memorable.

Wishing all you a delightful and inspiring event tonight. Thank you.