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### Address at the Graduation Ceremony 2021

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Ms. Diana Cesar, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr. Moses Cheng, Chairman of the Council, Governors, Council Members, Graduating Students, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2021. First of all, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to the 2021 graduates for reaching an important milestone of their life. The Graduation Ceremony today is an occasion not only to celebrate your academic achievements at HSUHK, but also to express your gratitude to teachers, family members, mentors, fellow classmates and friends, who have supported you and helped you grow, preparing you to handle future challenges in life and work.

As you embark on the next chapter of your pursuit, I urge you to review the key qualities that would help you adapt to a fast-changing world and achieve your life goals.

In this era of digital transformation, technological innovations are continuously changing the nature of work and skills required. Job opportunities that are available today may disappear in the future as more and more tasks are likely to be replaced by AI and automations. Much hard subject knowledge you acquire today can easily become outdated or obsolete in the next 10 years. Therefore, besides just enhancing job-specific knowledge and skills, it is important to empower yourself with the 5'P' attitudes and the 5'C' transferable competencies. The 5'P' attitudes are Professionalism, Passion, Positiveness, Perseverance, and People-orientation. The 5'C' transferable competencies are Critical thinking, Creativity, Communication, Collaboration, and Continuous active learning.

As a private liberal-arts-oriented university, HSUHK puts quality teaching and students' all-round development as its highest priorities. Adopting the unique "Liberal+ Professional" education model, the University helps students develop the above attitudes and competencies through their transformative learning experience. I believe you have acquired these basic qualities over the last few years and will continue

sharpening them after you graduate. These qualities will carry you afar, not only in your career but also in your other life encounters.

Lastly, I encourage you to pursue the values you truly believe in and to create more values to others. Here, I would like to share with you a known quote by Albert Einstein: "Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.". Hold on to your beliefs and brave challenges, blaze your own trail, and find fulfilments in life.

Once again, my heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2021. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. I do hope that in the future, you will often come back to the campus and share with us your life experiences as proud HSUHK alumni!

Thank You.