

IMU CONVOCATION 2014
6 SEPTEMBER 2014

Welcome to the IMU Convocation.

The convocation is a special event to celebrate the successes of our graduates of IMU. It is a special day, especially to the graduates, their families and supporters. We are proud that today the first graduates from our Master of Science in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry will convocate.

Success does not come easy. It is the result of hard work, perseverance and dedication on the part of graduates and a lot of sacrifices and love on the part of parents and families. The graduates have a lot to be grateful for, to the parents and families.

At IMU we pay a lot of attention on quality and especially in teaching and learning. Here we continue to keep on improving on our teaching and learning activities. The academic staff are committed to excel, and I thank them for their efforts in this area. In this and other areas that touch on the students' experience at IMU, I fully appreciate our staff's commitment to the students. The interaction that the students have with our staff help to influence and shape the outlook the students have in their chosen careers.

While today is a special day for our graduates, it also marks a new beginning for them. The beginning to develop a career as an adult, with all the opportunities and challenges that accompany it.

We are lucky to live in a country that is harmonious, peaceful and full of opportunities. All of you graduates are here because your parents have had the talent and opportunity to succeed in this country. No country is perfect and for all our faults and weakness, our country has a lot of strengths and opportunities.

All of you as you go into the world must be prepared to work hard, seize opportunities and work hard to succeed. Success for most of us will come and it is only 1% due to talent and 99% through their blood, sweat and tears. You must remember that you can never succeed in realizing your dreams and ambitions if you do not strive for them with all the force of your personality.

Our world is continually changing and change is inevitable and relentless. Change is important for our progress. Hence, I hope you will not fear it and instead embrace it and work innovatively to create solutions to problems that we face.

All of you, the new graduates represent our hopes for the future. You all should have the talent, ambition and courage to take challenges in your lives, in your stride and work for future success for the benefit of the community. All of us exist on this earth to serve a higher purpose than our own self-interest.

It is my hope that you will all prove to fulfil your potential and realize the vision of IMU for our graduates to become leaders that make a difference to the community.

Go forth into the world and do well, and more importantly, go forth and do good. Thank you.