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Recipient of Honorary Doctor of Medical Education Acceptance Speech by Dr Mei Ling Young Advisor and Co-Founder, International Medical University (IMU)

Good morning.

I'm deeply honoured and touched to be conferred the IMU Honorary Doctorate. Thank you.

While today I appear to be getting all the accolades, IMU would not have been a reality without the help I got throughout its development. Just like all of you graduands out here today, you will all have been helped in many ways by many people to come to where you are today.

I am just like you.

My family, and especially my husband, gave me unstinting support and guidance. He had to listen and give advice throughout all the ups and downs that confront start-up projects. He always said that IMU was my hobby, my passion. It was my supreme obsession.

I have also been lucky to have benefited from the counsel of colleagues at different stages of IMU's development. IMU has become what it is today as a result of the commitment and dedication of our staff, some have been with us since the beginning. Some have left and returned with new experiences. Our staff appreciate our human values which we treasure and strive for, especially that of service to our community.

Finally, we had a lot of support and help from the Partner Schools. Some helped us to convince more partners to join, gave IMU extra student places when we needed them, and even stayed loyal to us throughout the difficult time of the Asian Financial Crisis.

So how does all this relate to our graduands on this very special day?

Do not be scared to try new ventures. This is the best time, when you are young, enthusiastic, and energetic. Being young, you should have nothing to fear. Should it fail, you can easily pick yourself up and try again.

Build up relationships. Make the effort. As we progress, we need a lot of help from various people along the way. Be honest and sincere in your dealings, while guided by your principles. This is what I have learnt from my time at IMU.

Your parents invested in us by sending you to study at the IMU. Now that you are graduating and starting your careers, IMU is investing back in you. The continuing growth in IMU's reputation depends on you and your other 12,000-strong alumni. And don't ever forget **this is your** university.

Thank you.