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Distinguished Guests;

Fellow Graduates;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

A very good afternoon to you. It is my great honour and privilege to address you on behalf of the graduating class of 2015.

Today, we have gathered here to celebrate commencement, the day when our degrees are conferred upon us. From where I stand, I can see faces of joy, relief and immense pride, for earning this degree was no easy feat. It took us years of hard work and perseverance to get to where we are today. So congratulations, my fellow graduates, we did it!

As we rejoice at our achievements today, it is fitting that we reflect upon our experiences on this journey. As most of my pharmacy classmates would agree, the past four years have been challenging. We spent long hours studying in the library, doing our best to inch towards the right side of the 150-membered bell curve. In dispensing classes, we raced against time, so that we could submit our dispensing products on the trolley, seconds before it leaves. Who could forget the drama when some of us had to chase after the trolley while some tried all means to stop it from leaving? We have also endured many sleepless nights, 8am

lectures and survived the intensive course of tests, counseling and projects. At some point, we may have felt overwhelmed. But it was through these difficult times that we learned new knowledge and skills and emerged wiser, stronger and more resilient.

Our four years have also been filled with laughter and fond memories. Being in the same class has allowed us to bond through teamwork and cooperation. I am fortunate to have friends who would record lectures for absentees, lab mates who would prepare extra dispensing labels or donate their nicely made suppositories to those who needed them and classmates who would share important study tips on our pharmacy facebook page. I recall the laughter when we watched our talented friends in action such as the Chao Mugger in Rx Productions, Mr Waygene, and the versatile Ms Sherry who played 4 roles in a single video assignment! I will also not forget the humour of our professors such as Dr Esther Woon's signature True/False questions about the animals in the movie Madagascar. Indeed, it was these fun-filled moments that made our four years more memorable.

As we celebrate today, let us not forget the people who have guided and supported us. On behalf of the graduating class, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our professors and tutors. Thank you for your dedication and patience in nurturing us, for having faith in us and being an inspiration. To the administrative staff, thank you for your tireless efforts in ensuring a conducive learning environment. To our friends, thank you for being there in times of joy and sorrow. I hope our friendships will last for many years to come. Lastly, to our parents and family, we are always grateful for your constant support, care and sacrifices. Without you, none of this would have been possible. We hope we have made you proud. On a personal note, I would like to thank my professors, the Pharmacy department, my scholarship provider, MOH Holdings, as well as, my parents, family and friends who are here today.

Today marks the commencement of a new and exciting journey ahead. As we venture into the working world or pursue higher degrees, we may face numerous

roadblocks in our ways. Let us keep in mind of how far we have come and that we are more capable than we think. Be brave, embrace the challenges and turn them into opportunities for learning and growth. Let us also gather inspiration and find meaning in our work and life. I would like to share a quote from our late founding father, Mr Lee Kuan Yew **“The sky has turned brighter. There is a glorious rainbow that beckons those with a spirit of adventure... look at the horizon, find that rainbow, go ride it.”** I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and I hope you will find that rainbow in your horizon. Thank you and once again, congratulations, class of 2015!