

**Speech by Mrs Rossana Gaw, School Donor cum Independent School Manager
at the 27th Graduation Ceremony of TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College
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Mr Sze, Members of the Incorporated School Management Committee, Distinguished Guests, Parents, Teachers, Graduates and Students,

Congratulations to our S6 & S7 Graduates. Now that you will be in the next important phase of your life, I am much privileged to attend this Graduation Ceremony and share with you the joy and happiness.

As the School Donor, attending Students' Graduation Ceremony means much to me. Seeing a group of well-nurtured teenagers showing educational accomplishment signifies a new group of vibrant and intelligent school leavers entering the society. As a saying goes, 'It might take 10 years to grow trees, but a life time to cultivate people'. Education is a life-long endeavour, only through the nurturing of talents will society be continually improved. This is why our family has made donations to education. For our School, it was situated on a deserted Tsing Yi island back in the old days, but now Tsing Yi has already become an important hub in Hong Kong's transportation network. Similarly, twenty-eight years ago, our school was founded as Tsing Yi was being developed into a new town. Today, our school stands proudly as one of the most sought-after schools in the District. Here, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the hard work, enthusiasm, determination and dedication of Principal Tang and teachers of S. C. Gaw. I hope all students will live up to the expectation of the TWGHs School Motto of 'Diligence, Frugality, Loyalty and Faithfulness' through developing life-long learning capacity, striving for achievement, overcoming obstacles with optimism and cultivating a positive attitude – all for a more fulfilling life and the betterment of our society.

Graduates, some of you may seek employment after graduation or more will seek employment after further university education. Whether we will be successful or not in life in the long run depends very much on our attitude. As an employer for years, I would like to share with you "How would employers look at this 'Attitude' element." Assuming the employee possesses the basic qualified skill or knowledge for the job, in the minds of employers, it is the employee's work attitude that counts most. An employer will only treasure and give opportunities to those who can and will make contribution to the company. The work attitude include sense of responsibility, personal ethics, politeness, perseverance, self-motivation, team spirit, objective mindedness, adaptability, willingness to meet challenges, constantly striving to learn and do better amongst other aspects.

I have observed what attitudes successful people have towards life. First, successful people have a sense of purpose of life. They set goals, accomplish them and then set new goals. They forever prepare themselves for the ever-changing world.

Successful people accept life in a positive manner even when they encounter hard times and difficulties. They accept their responsibilities in life. When they are hit by failures, they bounce back and make new attempts with renewed energy. They persevere.

Successful people respect others and trust humanity. They desire to build good relationship with people. They see good qualities in others. They are sensitive to others' needs and are always helpful. They communicate with people frankly, openly and sincerely. They bring out the best in other people.

Successful people hold high standards for themselves. They are self-disciplined, honest and ethical. They work hard for results. They constantly learn. They act according to their belief and principle. They practice what they say. To be successful or not, hence it is all up to ourselves.

Graduates, my wish for you today is that you will cultivate and adopt a forward-looking attitude and thus ensure success in whatever you set out to do. Finally, may I wish all of you, ladies and gentleman, the very best of health. Thank you.