

Remarks on the Graduation Ceremony

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Good afternoon, Excellencies, Lok Chumteav, ladies and gentlemen, parents and my fellow graduates! It is my privilege to stand here and give remarks on this significant event to represent one of many voices of the Bachelor's Degree graduates of the University of Cambodia. I, therefore, would like to pay my sincere greeting and respect to H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Minister of Education, Youth, and Sport. H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Minister Delegate attached to the Prime Minister, and the President of the University of Cambodia. Dr. Haruhisa Handa, Chancellor of the University of Cambodia, UC Board of Trustees, Faculty members and Lecturers.

Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen! My name is HENG MALYKA, majoring in Finance and Banking in the College of Management. As we all know, graduation ceremony is one of the most memorable and momentous events in anybody's life as it more or less marks the ending of the first chapter of our life journey. And after this is another chapter to start, another milestone to pursue. Therefore, I would like to take this chance to say congratulations to all of us here who have the chance to meet this milestone that will lead us to realize our purpose. Reflecting back, our years at university were very special to us because they helped us become who we are today. That's why no matter how much satisfaction and joy we have on our graduation, we cannot forget the experiences we have obtained, challenges we have faced and opportunities we have acquired during our university lives and people behind us that always shape our abilities, emotion, and intellect.

After graduating from high school, I was very fortunate to be one of the recipients of UC's four year Scholarship Program. My parents were so grateful for this opportunity that UC gave me. And I told myself that, "I will spend my 4 years at UC to the fullest" and maybe the reason why I am here with all of you is that I kept my words and I did my best. More importantly, I can say the University of Cambodia has given me more than just a BA degree. I have gained skills, knowledge, and other invaluable experiences. Lecturers challenged us with enormous tasks

based on a student-centred approach. And this made us work even harder, and thus we have been able to explore our research studies even more deeply and enrich our wisdom even more broadly. Good instruction from lecturers, well-constructed curriculum and study materials created a positive learning environment that improved our capacity to become excellent human resources for the country. In addition to academic experiences, we have learned from extra-curricular activities. The University of Cambodia has established student organizations such as the University of Cambodia Student Senate (UCSS) and UC Red Cross Youth, which focus on building cooperation among UC students and humanitarianism. I, who was a member of the UCSS 7th mandate, have learned a lot about leadership skills, about how to manage the projects, and how to work in a team. Moreover, the University of Cambodia allows students to join competitions with other universities and provides opportunity for students to get scholarships and exchange program abroad, which builds our confidence, motivation, and widens our general knowledge and life experiences as well as presentation and debate skills. Moreover, our parents have strongly supported us physically, mentally, and financially. Without them, we wouldn't have come this far. And of course, I will never forget those who always share their time with me either on social media like Facebook or face to face. They are the audience who are sitting out there, my UC classmates, who have worked hard with me despite challenges, ups, and downs. I can say these are dynamic factors that broaden our knowledge and skills, so we can obtain enjoyment after our graduation ceremony today. Once again, all fellow graduates, it is not only about getting certificates to indicate your academic status. Instead, it is the satisfaction from having the material evidence of our precious experiences gained in the years of studying at the University of Cambodia.

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen! Before coming to the end of my speech, I, on behalf of all graduates, would like to express my gratitude to H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron for presiding over this graduation ceremony and Dr. Haruhisa Handa, the Chancellor of the University of Cambodia, for his unforgettable generosity of granting Cambodian students tremendous amounts of scholarships since **2003**. Next, it is my great honor to express my deep thanks to H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, the President of University of Cambodia, who has led the University of Cambodia with effective strategies that help students learn very well in every aspect. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all faculty members who have facilitated any operations in the university and supported students in any means. Furthermore, we are very grateful to all UC Lecturers whose contribution and encouragement have made us become desirable and skilled human resources for our country. The last thanks would be for all

UC students and classmates. We have built strong attachment so far, so it doesn't hurt to keep our network even stronger. All fellow classmates! We must acknowledge those who helped make our university experience possible. The people around us have done a lot for us. Since we have completed our first milestone successfully, it's time we have responsibilities for them, for our communities, and for our world. Whether you are in Business and Management field, Law, International Relations, Education, or Information Technology, our next milestone is to develop our country together especially when ASEAN integration 2015 is approaching. Are you ready for that? Are you ready to challenge yourselves to develop our country? Let's do this together. So, keep improving and keep strengthening ourselves. I wish you all the best. Thank you so much!!!