

Address by Mr. Irshad Ali

Honorable Chief Guest,

Honorable President AIT,

Respected faculty members,

Distinguished guests,

And my dear graduating fellows

Good afternoon.

It is an honor to me to share the feelings on behalf of the doctoral graduating students. Today is a memorable day for all of us, especially for the graduating students.

At this occasion I would like to share few memories during my stay in AIT.

Yes, it was a long journey: I remember the movement when I received AIT admission letter for Master leading to PhD back in 2007 and I left my home for a bright future ahead.

I remember the first day in AIT, after a warm welcome and some formalities I got the room keys, and I remember the movement when I opened the door of my room which was in standard dorm.

I remember the tough course work period with a lot of assignments and a PhD student struggling to get high grades.

I remember the time I started my research work, I was really scared by all the smart people around me and couldn't imagine that I would be one of their peers doing world class research in a few years. I didn't anticipate what I would be able to accomplish and how much I would develop as a scientist and a human being.

And now that process is over and I am going to try to use the life lessons I've learned to make the world a better place. I owe it all to my advisor Dr Matthew Dailey, committee members, AIT faculty members, and research fellows.

At this occasion I would also like to thank our beloved parents, family members, and friends. Without their inspiration and support, it would not have been possible for us to reach this milestone.

I also would like to thank to our donors and sponsors for their financial support.

Dear graduating students,

Today is our last day at university and we are entering our professional life. We must be ready to face challenges and grab opportunities. We should not be a follower of others; we should use these experiences to develop our own ideas and innovations to help improving the lives of people in our country.

Congratulations and best wishes to all graduating students.

Thank you