

## Graduation Speech by: Ms. Kate-natee Noipin Energy/SERD- Representative of Doctoral graduating students Morning Session, 122<sup>nd</sup> AIT Graduation Ceremony, 17 December 2014

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Honorable chief guest, Excellencies, AIT President, Faculties, families, friends and fellow graduates:

A very good morning.

First of all, I would like to thank you all for giving me such a great opportunity to deliver the speech on behalf of all graduates.

I believe our degrees have led us on the path we would like to be on. I am sure that during the course of our degrees, there may have been many times where the thought of graduating was just a canvas of our imagination. However, today our dream has become true. AIT has helped us to get one step closer towards our goals. I can say, the journey has been very tough but memorable. Recalling all difficult assignments, exams and theses or dissertations we have done. The journey might not have been easy but now we have all completed our degrees. As a wise man once said, "Use every obstacle you face as a stepping stone to move closer to the life you desire. The more stones you have, the closer you are to your goal".

Now looking back at our journey here at AIT: Do you remember the feeling when you got your acceptance letter to the Asian Institute of Technology? Were you anxious on the first day of classes? Or were you excited to have the first presentation in the class, or even the final comprehensive examination? Despite this, we all made it through. This could be the most troublesome experience, the funniest story or the happiest memory. Such memories will stay with us for a long time and remind us of our journey here.

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who touched our lives; to our parents who stood by us no matter what; to our professors who tried to instill a passion for learning in us; to the secretaries and administrators who wanted to make our AIT experiences as amazing as possible; to advisors who helped us decide which path to take; to friends who were there studying and playing together; study sessions and everything in between. Thanks to all the loving and kind people I've met during my time here at AIT. I am truly appreciative of AIT which brings people from all walks of life as one family.

Today, like you all here, I am so proud to be one of the AIT graduates. All the hard work that had been put in has finally paid off. On behalf of all the graduates today, I would like to thank



everyone for coming to be a great part of our accomplishment. Sincerely, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you all once again.