

Graduation Speech by: Mr. Mohammad Dalower Hossain, RSGIS/SET- Representative of all Outstanding Master's graduating students, Afternoon Session, 121st AIT Graduation Ceremony, 23 May 2014

Excellencies and Honored guests, Mr. President, Faculties, Families and Fellow Graduating Students, good afternoon!

I am honored to address you this afternoon. Today is certainly one remarkable period in our lives that will always be remembered. I believe that nothing worthy comes easy. And it is true. This piece of paper does not come easy. It is the combination of hard work, determination, and devotion that we have capitalized to make us self-confident to stand here today and graduate together.

Assignments, reports and presentations – these are three of the important things which have become part of our life in AIT. The pressure to accomplish these tasks. The rush to meet the deadlines. Sleeping late and waking up early in the morning to attend the class. In spite of all those hurdles, finally we are here today!

As you may have seen in this room, we are students from many races and cultures. We have come all the way to AIT to complete this degree that we are holding right now. And in this institute, we do not only gain knowledge and learn new skills; we have also found a new global family. We are here like brothers and sisters.

This is our moment of affirmation. I believe graduation is not an end, it is a beginning. It is a beginning of our new journey. It is the beginning for us where we pursue our dreams and make it come true.

On behalf of the graduating students, I would like to thank all the donors who have supported us. Thank you very much. I would like to thank all the faculty and staff of AIT. Thank you for what you have done for us: for your time, energy, patience – and other sacrifices that you had to make in order to make us stand proudly and graduate today. I would like to thank all the parents, spouses, families, and friends who encouraged and supported us as we worked towards our graduate degrees.

Let me close by reading to you my favorite quote from Steve Jobs: “Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.”

Thus, let's believe in ourselves and pursue our dreams. Thank you.