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Professorial Speech

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Mr. President; Chairman of the Board; Your Excellencies; Trustees, Honored Guests; Distinguished Colleagues and Graduands;

I would like to share with you a secret of my life... I never planned to be a teacher... it was my respected Late Professor K.K. Rampal from Indian Institute of Technology who chose me to be the one. Becoming a faculty in top institute of India was not a dream but much more than that. My teacher has shown me the path and I kept moving on that.... and today I feel really fortunate and satisfied.

“Professor” is the highest rank in academics which every teacher aspires. I too was anxious or you can say mad to reach this moment when I will be called a Professor. When I achieved Professorship, I was happy but more happy were my students. They came one by one to greet me. I have never got this special kind of affectionate greetings at any other occasions in my life. Then, I realised that they have succeeded today in making a Professor and are very happy on their success. In reality the credit goes to the students whom I taught all these years and specially to my 99 Masters and 24 PhD students who have nurtured a Professor in me. No words of thanks can express my real feeling of gratitude and love for you. God bless you all.

I also thank my wife who stood besides me since my PhD days. I express my gratitude to my parents who have been with me since my birth, taking care and blessing me.

Now what is next for me... I have decided to do the same but differently and more intensely. There is still a lot to contribute to the society by *developing technological solutions to various issues and work towards a livable Asia*.

My Dear Graduands... you have reached an important milestone of your life today. My heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a very successful, fulfilling career and happy life.

All of you have worked very hard to earn this degree which you will be having in your hands in few minutes. This degree is a testimony that you have acquired “knowledge”. It is a beginning my dear students. Institutions give “certificate of knowledge” but not the wisdom. Wisdom is the key to happiness and should be *the ultimate goal*. Wisdom is the capacity in human being to take decisions by integrating “years of knowledge” with “understanding the complex phenomenon of various issues”.

How to acquire the wisdom?

Dear Graduands... Learning never stops. Mahatma Gandhi said

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. “

To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must “observe”.

So ... from now on to become successful and happy, you have to acquire the wisdom and use it in your day today life.

A very simple formula to achieve goal is

“you do not have to run, do not loose your heart and stop ... just keep moving towards your goal... and you will achieve it”.

And finally,

Your teacher can open the door but you enter by yourself.

But, do not worry... we ... your teachers are full of confidence and believe that you are ready to take on the challenges of life.

Once again, I congratulate you on your graduation and wish you a brighter future. Thank you,