

## Graduation Speech by: Mr. Muhammad Khalid Farooq, Energy/SERD-Representative of December 2015 graduating students, 124<sup>th</sup> AIT Graduation Ceremony, 16 December 2015

Excellences, honorable guests, Mr. President, distinguished faculty, our respected parents, family members and fellow graduates: good morning!

I am greatly honored to represent my fellow graduates in this very special and splendid event of our lives.

We have started this journey at different times but with the same motive to complete our degree, with maximum attainment of knowledge at the end. It was definitely a tough and hard expedition full of deadlines for the assignments, progress exams and candidacies. Our families even had a harder time patiently waiting for us to complete our degrees. However, commitment, dedication and hard work, along with the devoted efforts and continuous guidance from our teachers and advisors helped us to move ahead and we at last reached our final destination. Our mentors made no stone unturned in helping us to turn our dream of having our degrees into a reality.

Today, here we stand honored, as we feel a strong sense of accomplishment for which we struggled for so long. Here we stand elated, as today is the time for us to celebrate our great success, our degrees; and to listen and feel the loud and joyous beats of our thumping hearts. Here we stand privileged, as now we can make a positive and tangible difference in our own lives and the lives of others in a much better way than before.

I would also like to mention that academic performance always require suitable environment where one can focus on studies with full concentration. Thanks to AIT for providing us an academic environment in terms of lab facilities, Library and study rooms which proved to be helpful for our smooth academic activities. Aside from that, AIT also provided an excellent living environment, where students with diverse backgrounds, cultures and religions



live together like a family. Everyone is always ready to help and take care of other fellows, which gives a strong sense of unity and brotherhood. In this way, AIT proved to be an excellent place for creating harmony and coherence among different cultures and nations.

Fellow graduates, we are now entering new era of life - the era of practical life, where we can make a positive contribution in the development of our nations by implementing what we have learned from AIT both in academic and social terms. I therefore believe that by using the knowledge gained during our stay in AIT, we not only can make a positive growth in our own life, but we also have the capacity to make a fruitful contribution in the social and economic development our countries.

In conclusion, I would like to thank AIT faculty members for their sincere efforts in helping us achieve this milestone. Gratitude also goes to AIT administration for providing us an excellent living environment which enabled us in concentrating on our studies.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to all graduates, friends and families and wish everyone a prosperous future life. Hope we can prove ourselves as a pride for AIT!

Thank you very much!