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His Excellency the AIT President, Honorable Distinguished Guests, Respected Deans of Schools, Faculty Members, Staffs, Families, Friends...

My fellow graduates, who are my companions of efforts, struggles, and perseverance...

Happy day to you all!

Today, I am overwhelmed due to this rare opportunity that I have to address you on this special occasion.

In fact, I did not even imagine I will have such a chance to deliver this speech. I am delighted with this opportunity, not only because of the importance and magnitude of this occasion, but most of all, due to the high status and reputation of AIT itself. This Institute is a unique one, with regional and international distinction, not only in the academic and research fields, but also in other virtuous humanitarian standards. Indeed, each and every one has been touched, and had enjoyed the beautiful atmosphere here. Thanks to AIT for such a privilege.

Dear fellow graduates, life is a series of stations, and we go through them in different times and places. We are now about to depart, from such a remarkable one here in AIT. I am sure that this milestone station deserves to be assessed, and evaluated in the way that its connection to the previous ones would be easy. Thus, we take advantage of the legacy, in foreseeing a better future, in both our career and social levels.

Measuring our lives, if it is a failure, or a success, is debatable. For me, the best tip in this field is stated by Professor Clayton Christensen, a Harvard business school professor. I would like to recall his suggested simple questions to assist others in their evaluation task. In such moments, anyone should ask himself “how can I be sure that....”



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“I will be satisfied and happy in my career?; My relationship with my family members and my extended family and close friends become an enduring source of happiness?; I live a life of integrity and stay out of jail?”

These questions seem to be very simple, but for sure, many people never asked.

In conclusion, the criterion for measuring success in life, is not linked only to the extent, of moving up the ladder of prestigious jobs, due to higher academic achievements, as in our case now. Above all, we should look at the positive influence, and impact of each one of us, in the surrounding environment and the communities, who are working all together, to guarantee our academic and career success.

Lastly, on behalf of the graduates, I would like to send a message of thanks and appreciation, to the whole AIT community - our professors, advisors, friends and beloved families.

I have also one more single request, to the AIT President and all AIT stakeholders: I hope they can dedicate limited grants to less developed continents, such as Africa and Latin America, to sustain the AIT message through the continents.

Thank you and may Allah bless us all!