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Distinguished Guests

Parents and Graduands

Staff of Singapore Polytechnic

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here is the outline and key points for the speech:

- 1) Good morning to all
- 2) Congratulate all graduands and award winners in Diploma in Banking & Finance, in Financial Informatics, and in Tourism & Resort Management for your achievements and reaching this significant milestone in your lives!
- 3) Life is a living fabric that is created and woven by each and everyone of us and life will continue to unfold as you continue to weave your fabric and craft your story.
- 4) As you celebrate your achievements today –and naturally will be looking forward to what the future will hold, let us first take a look at when your life first started.
- 5) 1999 is the year which I believe is the year most, if not all of you were born.
- 6) Cast your mind back to 1999 - Since you were babies then, I will excuse you for not remembering the mega events in 1999
- 7) Share the significance of the mega events in 1999
- 8) Do the same for the next significant milestone (ie another example)
- 9) If 1999/ 2000 is an inflection year for its significance of the dawn of the new millennial
Then 2019/ 2020 is another significant inflection point for the pace of change due to the key forces of
Globalization vs Nationalism/Protectionism,
Technology and Impact of Industrial 4.0 and the ever accelerating pace of change
Climate change and its effects on our lives,
Future of Work & the Silver Tsunami
Urbanization and lifestyles
- 10) Conclude by motivating and inspiring them with key messages on how they can deal with the above, the mindset, the values, the approach.
- 11) Wishing them great success for their future. Thank you