

## **Graduate Speech**

Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, distinguished guests, fellow graduates, University staff and guests. On behalf of graduates receiving their awards today, I would like to extend my gratitude to all who have helped us to achieve a significant milestone in our lives. I am truly honoured to be the graduate speaker for Federation Business School of Federation University Australia

I would also like to thank the Federation University Australia staff, lecturers, the families of all the graduates and my fellow classmates for all the support you have given us.

Today, we are here to celebrate our graduation from Federation Business School. Some of us are fortunate to be here, and some are graduating in absentia. Whether you are from Australia or Malaysia, graduating in our own chosen field, we are here to celebrate the fact that we have been equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills and capacity to contribute to our society and become productive global citizens.

We all have given up something to get to wherever we want to go; the journey to complete my MBA will be something that I will always cherish. As a mother, a wife, running my own business, juggling another priority has not been easy. Forfeiting weekends, holidays, late nights of assignments or missing kid's milestones; all these are sacrifices made to achieve a far greater goal. I am forever grateful that I embarked on this journey, for it provided me tremendous growth, greater worldview, and sharper compass to navigate the real business world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Federation University Australia for bringing their courses through their partners in various locations. Like many fellow graduates who are already employed, it will be a tremendous challenge for us to further participate in any rigorous self-development program. Both the schedule and practical knowledge of this course gave us the opportunity to pursue our study while working and at the same time apply our new knowledge at work.

Fellow graduates, finally, We all have been privileged to complete this journey with the support of many wonderful people in our lives, we could not have done this without them. Let this award in our hands signify our triumph and renew our commitment to lifelong learning by continuously stepping forward into growth and out of our comfort zone. As quoted by Ralph Waldo Emerson 'Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.' Embrace Challenge and a whole new world will open up to you

Lastly, I wish you all the success in whatever you do. Fellow graduates, once again, congratulations!