

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished professors and staff, fellow graduates, friends and family. Thank you very much for being here today.

Congratulations SDM friends! We have managed to fool our professors and graduate! I do not know whether it is the parties, karaoke, or all-night slacking around SDM that got us here. But somehow, we pulled it off.

Jokes aside, and while the SDM experience we had might have been fun, it was truly challenging. We shed sweat, blood, and tears to get through a unique, interdisciplinary educational experience, studying and working with people from all kinds of backgrounds in order to tackle and solve real world problems. From space, business and all the way to design, society and politics, we have seen it all. Only to be able to see from different perspectives, and connect between the dots unlike others, forming conclusions that are as beautiful as a colorful garden, and revolting against the status quo.

Today, we are here to celebrate our fruitful efforts and appreciate those who helped us along the way.

Professors: you have provided an open, loving environment for your students to innovate and shine. I deeply thank you for that and urge you to continue on the same path.

SDM colleagues and friends: your inspiring passion and the diversity of your minds, before your race, has transformed me without noticing into what I hope to be a better, well informed human being. For that, and in all of our languages I shall say: Thank you, 谢谢 (Xièxiè), Dankeschön, どうもありがとうございます, Kitos, شكرًا جزيلًا, Terima kasih, Cảm ơn nhiều.

Above all, we will remember those who started the journey with us and will follow through soon, as well as our dear friend, Quan, may his soul rest in peace. For I consider him to be celebrating with us here in this very room.

Today, who I would really and personally like to thank the most is Japan and its people. Despite the challenges of living away from my country, you have blessed me with open homes, minds, and hearts in a way that I would have never imagined; making Japan a home that I love, and taking a piece of my heart that I believe will stay here forever.

A wise man once told me that this world is quite polar; for every beginning, there is an end; for every hello, there is a goodbye.

Two years ago, within the walls of Fukuzawa sensei's legacy, we began learning, we began making friends, and some began falling in love..

Today, all of that unfortunately ends. However, in the same polar way, a new chapter of life-long learning, friendship, and love has just started.

Thank you very much.

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