



Dear Students

Welcome and welcome back to PolyU. I am sure you are all as excited as I am to begin the new academic year. On behalf of the Student Affairs Office, may I wish you all every success in your study and your personal development.

Let's walk through our path to success with 4 P's as the important checkpoints.

Progress: You have come a long way until you are here today. Looking ahead, you will be proceeding to become one of PolyU's "preferred graduates". How are you going to move from here to there? You have to ensure that progress will be made. If you are a new student, you have to get yourself prepared that what has brought you here may not get you there. There will be a lot of adjustments to make. We, colleagues in the SAO, your department, your faculty and your seniors, are all very eager to help. You will not be alone. The most important thing is that you have to make progress, a small step at a time.

Plan: To ensure you are progressing in the right direction, you have to plan. Set a clear goal and take concrete steps to actualize it. In the secondary school, everything is set and structured, the planning has been done for you. Now that you are a university student, you have to take up the responsibility to own your life. Just like playing soccer, if there is no goal post, you will just be running around without scoring.

Persevere: The pressure of public exam is now over, but university study is demanding. We can't promise you a rose garden. You need long-term goal to help you overcome the short-term frustrations. To succeed is to be your best. You cannot envy those students who get first class honours without being prepared to work as hard as they do. Don't get settled with a goal so easy that you can achieve without making an effort. Challenge yourself with something you need to stretch yourself to the fullest so that you will progress and scale new heights.

Participate with Passion: I sound really serious. Actually, when you participate with passion, you will not find it too taxing, the energy will be there for you to move mountains. To participate means to be involved instead of just being a spectator. Actively participate in your lectures, tutorials, laboratory works and revision, and you will find the exams a piece of cake. To participate also means to try out new things for fun, for health, for helping others. All these will add colour to your life and make your days interesting.

Success will be yours if you can persistently work with these 4 P's in mind. Wish you all the best and most importantly, "Be the Best you can be!"

Yours sincerely

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