## **GRADUATION SPEECH**

## GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

It is my pleasure to welcome all the honorable guests, our lecturers and members of staff, and friends and families to this graduation ceremony today at our prestigious school University of Kyrenia.

Thank you very much Ms. /Mr. ------ for the opportunity, for it is an honor, and with pride that I stand before you all.

To my fellow cadets graduating today, and to their respective lecturers: You have successfully seen this journey through! Indeed all your hard work and effort has paid off!

Congratulations! Bravo! Tebrikles! Makorokoto! Taha nina!

I believe I speak for all when I say this journey was not as affluent as we all hoped. Ending of the year 2018, our island experienced terrible floods. As a result, we had to place our studies on a halt for sometime. The year 2020 and 2021, we experienced the terror and instability brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic where so many people lost their lives, their jobs and means of survival. Our lecturers were unable to conduct face-to-face lectures and students requiring practical/ field studies were greatly disadvantaged.

In the face of all these uncertainties and tribulations, our university through its active administration and competent lecturers, managed to find ways to insure we had classes, seminars and projects from our lecturers and experts form the industry.

This stands as one of the reason why this graduation ceremony is very important.

Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to use this opportunity to thank UoK administration for making available, the necessary resources for us to be able to fulfill our goals and at the same time shaping us into young adults who will be active in bringing positive change to society.

Furthermore, representing the international students of UoK, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to our University for placing us at heart, for going beyond to insure we are safe and not lacking during the pandemic through its various schemes, all for our benefit.

Representing the Aviation Department graduating class, to our Advisor and guide, Dr Nalan Gelirli, we cannot thank you enough for all your patience, deligence and hard work.

A word of advice 1 wish to give to our graduating student is, let us go out into the world and be active members of society. Today does not only mark the achievement of one milestone in your lives, but it also marks the beginning of a new era!

## Decide what you want, Make a plan, Develop the skills needed, Put in the work, Be disciplined, and stay focused.

To the rest of the students, as we watch our fellow cadets receiving their Diplomas and Degrees, let this rekindle the burning flame in our hearts and minds towards our education. Let us remain focused and work with passion keeping in mind that a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step! NO PROCASTINATION!

## THANK YOU