

Budi Budiman

Valedictory Speech Spring 2015

Thank you for the kind Introduction!

1. Address

Your excellency Executive Vice-President of YU Professor CHOI Oe Chool, Distinguished Dean of the august Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul, Professor PARK Seung Woo, Vice Deans of the PSPS Professor HAN Dong Geun, Professor KIM Ki Su, and Professor YI Ui Huk, all distinguished professors of the PSPS-YU. Distinguished members of PSPS administration office, Manager Mr. CHOI Jong Eun, and staff members, Korean language instructors, Graduands, Fellow students, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Annyong Hasemika

It gives me great honor and privilege to deliver the valediction for today's graduation ceremony.

2. Special Thank You

First I'd like to thank some people very special to me. It is because of them that I am able to stand here today. I owe my deepest gratitude to Professor LEE Don Koo, Professor KIM Yong Shik and Professor Yohan LEE who were not only my advisors and supervisor but also mentored me and giving their invaluable advice and comments during my study at the PSPS. Thank you very much.

3. Thank you

On behalf of the graduating class, I wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks to;

Excellency Executive Vice-President of YU Professor CHOI Oe Chool, for this great opportunity to study at YU in Korea for a year and a half. I thank you for your vision and leadership and bringing us under your umbrella to create a better world through the Global Saemaul Movement. We are now members of the great family of PSPS and global Saemaul Undong. Despite your very busy schedule, you walked among us in each and every moment possible. We felt cared and loved. Thank You

Distinguished Dean of the august Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul, Professor PARK Seung Woo, we owe you very much for the guidance and leadership to instill in us the spirit of Saemaul Undong and a sense of family and community. We also thank you for the many opportunities you gave us in the class room as well as outside class room to study and learn about many development aspects of SMU, Public Policies and Forestry sector initiatives pertaining to South Korea. We would like to specially thank you for ensuring our safety and well being throughout our time at this home away from home. Thank you very much

Vice Deans of the PSPS Professor HAN Dong Geun, Professor KIM Ki Su, and Professor YI Ui Huk, all our distinguished professors of the PSPS-YU. We Thank you verymuch for the quality and rewarding learning experiences under your watchful eyes. Each of you will remain in our hearts as our respected gurus. We will continue to seek your guidance in utilizing the knowledge we aquired in to our community and ecological development activities.

I would also wish to thank the members of PSPS administration office, Manager Mr. CHOI Jong Eun, and staff members for your assistance and support throughout our stay in Korea. Thank you so much.

I want to thank the Korean language instructors, specialy Kim Min Ho Sansengnim for a great Korean Language learning experience. It was fun and rewarding. Kamsahamnida.

We would like to express our Special thanks and appreciation for our sponsors, Korea Green Promotion Agency (KGPA), Woori Bank, and IBK Bank and all the people of Korea. Without their generosity, it would have not been possible to get this opportunity. Even though they may not be here today, we are forever in debt to them for their commitment towards their support to each of us graduands.

A special thanks goes out to Mr Ho Hyun Lee for his exceptional kindness and service to all of my batch mates. Thank you Terry. We love you brother.

Last but not least, Graduands, and Fellow students, you were our brothers and sisters during our stay. Thank you for being there and taking care of each others. I am inspired by some of the noble acts and generosity which I will not go in to detail. But it is clear sign of Saemaul Spirit. Well done! and Keep it up!

Class of fall 2013, we made it!! It has been a long and arduous journey full of some of the best moments of our lives, and some moments we may never forget. I truly feel privileged to be standing in front of you today.

4. Saemaul Undong

Unique to the students of PSPS-YU, is that we all came from different countries, of course, with different experiences and cultures. But, we had the same goal to study here, we studied how the Saemaul Undong changed Rep of Korea from nothing to something, from zero to hero, from under developed country to developed country. From a Basket Case to the Miracle on the Han River.

We now know that the spirit of Saemaul Undong is the core of modernization of Rep of Korea. Diligence, self-help and cooperation are the driving forces of Korean development. As time went by, the spirit of Saemaul Undong has metamorphosed into Saemaul 2.0, which contains the spirit of sharing, service and creativity. Thank you, Excellency Executive Vice president Choi oe Chool for your inspiration and leadership to the establishment of Saemaul 2.0 and Global Saemaul Undong initiative. We owe you so much.

As a Forest Resources and Ecological Restoration major student, I learned many things from the academic lectures and field visits as well as experienced new knowledge related to forestry management. How Korean government restores their denuded mountains into reforested view through good reforestation programs. How the spirit of Saemaul Undong was instrumental in the development process of every sector, including the forestry sector. They work with each other to make the Korean landscape greener and richer. I will adopt and implement Saemaul spirit to make Indonesian forests greener. I believe my fellow graduands, who joins the alumni will be doing the same in their respective countries.

5. Concluding remarks

As ambassadors, of the true spirit of Saemaul Undong which is now inculcated in us with the renewed strength of cooperation, Let us build a strong network across the globe as we strive to contribute positively to our societies.

I would like to conclude by quoting General Park Chung Hee

“When the Korean people come out of the recession and take a gigantic leap forward, confidence is the most essential thing. Confidence drives us forward. If a nation has no motivation or confidence, it cannot utilize the best opportunity. Conversely, if a nation has great motivation and confidence, it can overcome all difficulties and turn them in to opportunities”

Therefore, Class of fall 2013, remember, there was a purpose in coming to PSPS-YU. We must remain motivated and confident. We are now groomed to take leadership. See your goals are achieved. Live for a cause that you would die for and continue to walk by faith.

We can do it! Hwaiting!

God bless you all, thank you!! Kamsahamnida!