

"We embarked on one of the most challenging pursuits of our lives - studying at SMA. At today's Commencement, we are happy to have successfully completed this journey. We feel relieved and prepared and are now ready to take on new challenges ahead.

SMA is a clear declaration of the value of a global academic community. In return for Singapore's confidence and investment in us, we hope to be able to apply our knowledge and skills toward the advancement of the Singapore community.

We now appreciate the value of the intense curricula that you (MIT and Singapore Faculty) have put us through. Never have I been confronted with challenges that demanded such high levels of intellectual effort and stamina.

We have weathered the storm, supported one another, and helped each other through difficulties to meet deadlines and prepare for tests. None of us could have made it alone.

Just as we have helped each other in the SMA 'hatchery', this spirit of sharing and camaraderie, I believe, will continue as long as we keep in touch after Commencement."

George Pau Shu Heng
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(Commencement 2002 Valedictory Speech)



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