

Good morning, Dear Freshmen and colleagues:

Today is a fresh new day for our freshmen of 2022. I seldom have chance to speak to new students together. So, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you officially for becoming registered Wenzaoians.

I have already met some of you at the Freshmen Camp, and I am sure that you are now ready for a new beginning. Before I begin my talk, let me ask you a question. What is the most important things you have done in this summer? I think it is the decision that you and your parents made to choose at Wenzao for your college life.

When we make any decisions, we have to go through uncertainty, struggles, compromises. Therefore, I rather think it is not an easy decision for you to make in the past summer vacation. Because in our life time, we only have one time to be college students and where and how we want to spend this golden time of our life is not an easy decision.

However, today you are in the Wenzao Huayu auditorium, listening to the president's speech in English. You might wonder why I am delivering a welcome speech to you in English. Perhaps some of you totally do not know what I am talking about. Maybe some of you find it is not difficult to listen to an English welcome remark.

No matter how much you understand what I am talking; you can be sure of one thing: that is from now on in Wenzao campus, English for you is a common language just like Chinese or Taiwanese. The sooner you make English as your daily used language like your mother tongue, it is better for you then to be able to open up more possibilities for your future career or developments.

English is not an only language we offer in Wenzao. I strongly suggest that you take the advantages of Wenzao's abundant foreign language resources to strengthen your confidence and credential. Everybody in

Taiwan knows that whoever graduates from Wenzao is strong in foreign languages. And if English has become a common language for people in Taiwan, we, who study in Wenzao, should encourage ourselves to know one or two more other foreign languages in order to equip ourselves better, regarding future job opportunities with which we have to face, and with which people will judge Wenzao if our students really live up to the name as being Wenzao students.

Of course, I am not saying that studying language should be your main focus, or spend your four years only learning different languages. My point is Wenzao is a very globalized university; you will see students from different countries and after classes you will listen to different languages spoken by international students. It will be the best chance in your life to know them, to learn their languages and meanwhile to know about their cultures behind the languages used.

In short, since you choose to come to Wenzao, you have to give yourself a mission: that is become a linguist who can not only speak, write English or other languages fluently, but also learn to be able to communicate with international students using their mother languages even just minimal vocabularies, and learn their cultures. It is to learn more and various cultures that we will be able to become a more rounded globalized person with understanding.

In addition to sharpening your English and learning more other languages and understand different cultures in this globalized campus, I want to remind you that 4/years is short. Normally, when you were in primary school, you asked: what day is today? When you were in middle high school, you asked: what week is this week? When you are in college, you will find your time is counted by month. Suddenly you will find it is already October and September is already gone. Just like for my age, I count my time by year. I now only ask which year is this year?

If you don't believe what I have just said about how time flies, after 10 or 20 years you will remember me forever. In short, my point about time is to give you a second suggestion for your school opening in 2022, that is: you soon will reach 22 years old, or a quarter of a century old or even older. By then, if you look back the days you had spent in Wenzao and feel regretted that you have wasted the golden time of your college life, the time definitely will not return to you. So, settle well in Wenzao and use all resources that we offer you to enrich your golden age.

The third point I would like to share with you today is to encourage you to experience courageously the things you feel interested, curious, worth doing and chances open up to you. Between now 2022 to 2050 we are facing an era of great changes in many ways; for example, the way we live, the way we work, the way we commute, the way we see things, the way we learn, the way we communicate. All the changes are because of AI, new technology, new media, ecological issues and ESDGs etc... all these changes provide you a best and worst time. The best time for you is that you will not have to worry about work opportunities. You might have 4-8 jobs opening for you to choose from.

But, you are facing the most complicated and changeable time as well. That means you have to deal with changes all the time. Change of decisions, change of situations, changes of schedules. Changes of environments, changes of opinions, change of uncertain results etc...All of these changing conditions are not to be escaped but faced and it will be a common thing for you to deal with almost in every day.

So, my advice for you regarding the 3rd point is that whoever can remain stable, calm, alert, brave and diligent in the college life, and take all cross disciplinary opportunities to prepare yourselves well, I believe will come out as a hero when you say goodbye to Wenzao four years after; you will be a warrior filled with courage, readiness and wisdom to fight with all changes of today's world. Life is difficult, but a hero/warrior never gives up or admits he/she is a loser, but fight for better future.

Congratulations to you all for officially becoming Wenzaorians, and wish your life here at Wenzao be a happy, healthy and memorable one filled with friendship, confidence and pride. At the same time, on behalf of all faculty and staff, we promise you that you will receive the best care from us. Thank you for your attention. Have a wonderful first college day in Wenzao.