

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 chance to welcome you officially for becoming Wenzaorians in our five-year junior college.

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/or exciting thing you have done in this summer?

I think it is the decision that you and your parents made to study at Wenzao.

When we make any decisions, we have to go through uncertainty, doubts, and struggles. Therefore, I rather think it is not an easy decision for you to make in the past summer vacation. But, now you are finally here at Wenzao, your ideal school. And this is a place in which you are going to spend five years, and where you are meeting new friends and teachers, and learning new things which will be very different from those of your junior high school.

Age 15-20 is the best time in our life. How you are going to spend this golden time of your life is a wise thing to think about in the beginning of this brand new semester.

Today you are in the auditorium of Wenzao, 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. Some of you might only understand about half or little of what I am saying.

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 than 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. Everybody in our society knows that whoever studied in 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 learn two foreign languages well.

Of course, I am not saying that studying two foreign languages should be your main focus, or spend your five years only learning different languages. My point is Wenzao is a very internationalized 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 the second language fluently, but also learn to be able to communicate with international students using their mother languages even just a small amount of 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 other foreign languages and understand different cultures in this internationalized campus, I want to remind you that 5/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 20 years old. The River of No Return. 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 yourself to experience bravely the things you feel interested, curious, worth doing and chances open up to you. Of course avoid dangerous acts that might hurt your mind and body. 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, environmental issues 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 or study further after finish at Wenzao. You might have many universities 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 good bye to Wenzao four years after; you will be a warrior filled with courage, readiness and wisdom to combat with all changes of today's world.

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.