

Good Evening, Dear Freshmen and colleagues:

Today is a fresh new day for you, our freshmen of 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you officially for becoming registered Wenzaoians.

As you all know that you have many universities to choose for your college life. But, you finally choose to study in Wenzao. When you made such decision, I believe you have gone through uncertainty, struggles, and compromises. Once the decision is made, I suggest that you move forward to making your college life at Wenzao a meaningful one. If you have the determination, I think you will find college life in Wenzao is full of promises and great expectation.

Now you are inside the Hua Yu 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. 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 should be 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 future and career possibilities.

Although English is not the only language we offer in Wenzao, and half of you who are sitting here are learning Japanese, I strongly suggest that you take the advantages of Wenzao's abundant foreign language resources to strengthen your confidence or credential in sharpening your English speaking and writing skills.

Everybody in Taiwan knows that Wenzao students are good in speaking different languages, at least Wenzao students' English should be better

than students of other universities. This is the expectation of our society, and I think it is a correct expectation from the public, and Wenzao students should live up to the name as being Wenzao students.

Of course, studying language should not be your main focus. However, with the very limited time you have in the evening, I want you to put more of your time to polish your language skills meanwhile to understand better about the cultures behind the languages you have learned.

As you know the world is becoming smaller because of the communication devices/tools we use today. Our friend or work circle is no longer far away from our place. Our communication happens in one touch of the mobile phone or keyboard. Also, the pandemic, Covid, BA.5 is near us all the time which force us to either study or work from home. That means we now live in the world, not only in Taiwan. I hope the concept that now you are actually living in the World can give you enough motif to learn English and other languages well so that a better future will be there for you.

In short, since you choose to come to Wenzao, you have to give yourself a mission: that is to become a bi, or tri linguist who can manage the language well in different occasions, works. At least if you are Wenzao graduates later after 4 years of study here, you should be able to communicate with any people and able to travel around the world as a globalized person successfully.

The second/also the last point I would like to share with you today is, to encourage you to take the module courses we have offered to you. Unlike the traditional practices, now you have more chances to take cross disciplinary courses which enable to you explore more possibilities for your future.

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, ecology issues, 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 2nd 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 fight with all changes of today's world. In case, you fail in something you work for, as long as you are not defeated, like what Hemingway said: A man can be destroyed but never be defeated, then there is always a chance for us to rise up again. Just like Queen Elizabeth the 2nd said who has just passed away: Never gives up, be a warrior and fight for the beautiful future.

I consider you already a hero or a fighter because you choose to take not an easy road to learn after work and with maybe so much financial or family burdens. You have to come to Wenzao with a hungry stomach, and you have to compromise with many things.

In spite of difficulties you might encounter because of studying in the Evening, I still like to take this opportunity to congratulate to you all for officially becoming Wenzaorians. On behalf of Wenzao faculty and staff, I guarantee you that you will receive the best care from us.

Wish your life here at Wenzao be a happy, healthy and memorable one filled with friendship, confidence and pride.