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I.T. Graduation Keynote Address



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Hello. I am Indu Pandey from Ozdocs International and I am deeply honoured to stand here and join you in celebrating your graduation evening. Please accept my heart felt congratulations on reaching this marvellous milestone.

While standing here amongst you, I can vividly recall my months of training in Australia. I came to Australia with an overseas University Degree in Science. While entering the workforce, I soon discovered that I needed something more than just a University Degree. I needed Skill Based Training. To attain this skill set I enthusiastically undertook training in Computer Programming. My newly acquired skill sets not only prepared me for joining the workforce but also opened the doors to a highly competitive Information Technology industry.

And that gave me a valuable insight, which was - University Degrees give you an abundance of knowledge but it is the Skill Based education of institutions like TAFE that turns the wheels of the economy. We who are in the industry and education have known the importance of traineeship and TAFE education for years, whereas the leaders of our country have recognized the importance of the traineeship and Skill Based education only recently. So with the training you have received you are on the right track to start a very rewarding career.

This is such a momentous occasion that I cannot help telling you my own association with the traineeship program and Baulkham Hills TAFE. For more than twenty years now, our company Ozdocs International has been imparting on job training to computer professionals. In association with TAFE, we have trained more that fifty graduates and the good news is – a vast majority of these TAFE graduates occupy key positions in our company as Technologists, Engineers and Managers. They have helped us export Australian Technology abroad, they have imparted their skills to new trainees and they continue to make enormous contribution to the Australian economy. I have no doubt that the same will be true for many of you graduating today.

And while you celebrate this joyous landmark in your lives today, I believe, the future is even more exciting. I will drop a few hints. If you want to pursue higher education, the doors are open to you. When you



arrive at the University as a student, you will have greater capacity to absorb the knowledge in the context of the practical experience you have already gathered. You may also get exemption from coursework for the some of the Degree courses. And if at any time you wanted to add to your existing skill sets, you will also be encouraged and supported by your employers.

A rewarding future is awaiting you on your graduation. So rejoice the sweet fruits of months of dedicated work. It is also the occasion of happiness for many others in your life. Let me send a word of appreciation to them. Your parents and friends who have made many sacrifices for you are equal partners to your success. And this occasion will be incomplete if I did not mention another group of special people. They are your dedicated teachers from TAFE who have selflessly imparted their knowledge.

With this note, let me offer you my best wishes for the new path of life you are embarking on. There is no doubt, that you will make us proud by earning an abundance of achievement for yourself, as well as for the nation.