

Dean's Commencement Address
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2021 National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University College of Medicine
Commencement Ceremony



All the graduates, parents, faculty members, and distinguished guests, good morning!

Due to the epidemic, this year's commencement was shifted to the online format. This is also the first online graduation ceremony since the establishment of the College of Medicine of National Yang-Ming University. It has a profound meaning: We didn't cancel our commencement and we haven't been defeated by the virus! Right?

Although this epidemic outbreak in Taiwan is not under control yet, all of us still believe that the epidemic must gradually abate after the vaccination rate in Taiwan gradually increases. Then, we can return to normal life again. What can help us beat the virus? Undoubtedly, knowledge! Yesterday, I browsed through PubMed and found that a total of 89,109 COVID papers were published in 2020. As of May 27, 2021, a total of 57,434 COVID papers were also published. This amazing number shows our incredible collective efforts. Absorbing and making the best of these exponentially increasing COVID-19 papers, I believe, is the key to containing the epidemic.

Over the past year and a half, students were still learning during the epidemic. Today, you are about to graduate amid the raging epidemic. I believe, you will learn even more and grow much stronger and faster. Each graduate of the College of Medicine can create and apply knowledge! Right? Although the future is full of uncertainties and many people are suffering from COVID-19 with broken families, still many great and heroic figures come forward. They are worth learning such as the inventor of mRNA vaccines that are highly expected now in Taiwan. I hope these overwhelming stories can **spark your inspiration about your future! In the future, you will not just grow linearly with a shallow slope, but you will grow exponentially fast! You will be the one to make a substantial contribution to human beings!**

An analogy about sowing in Bible: Jesus said: "But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold." It is not

only one time, twofold, or threefold! It is thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and a hundredfold! The Yang-Ming College of Medicine is the fertile soil where all the graduates here can gain fruitful accomplishments! Thank you for your participation and listening! Last but not least, no matter what your future career path is, wish all of you a hundredfold fruitful future!

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