

Zhang Hao's graduation speech June 2017

Friends, Faculty and staff...Welcome to the SDC this morning. My name is Zhang Hao and I am from the Public Management programme.

I am grateful to share my little experience, I would like to express my gratitude to SDC for the provision of such a convenient studying and living environment. What we have learned at SDC is far beyond from what we expected to get. Two years ago, I was lucky to be admitted at the SDC, but I was also curious about the meaning of the "S, D, C", two years later, I figured out the answer:

"S" stands for Study,

Studying at the SDC is never easy, it means catching up with deadlines one and another. The group work is not a familiar task for Chinese students, in the beginning nearly all the Chinese students were confused and did not know how to contribute to the team, but my Danish teammates encouraged us to overcome the obstacles. Now looking back, I have to say that I really enjoyed the great time we had doing projects with my excellent teammates, I really admire and appreciate this light-hearted style.

"D" stands for Diversity,

at the SDC, I had intelligent Danish classmates; I had a classmate coming from Italy with good inter-personal skills; I have made lots of Chinese friends who have similar excellent qualities just as I do. In such a diverse community, I think mutual understanding doesn't come easily in the very beginning, but soon and in the end I found out that the foreign students are actually quite similar with Chinese students, all of them are diligent, brave, positive and nearly all of them have open mind and it was very easy to get along with them, the SDC is more colourful because of its diversity. Despite having different race, religion and even culture, we share the same belief that we will be the leaders in the future.

"C" stands for Cooperation,

I went to Denmark to study and I felt a high degree of trust and experienced the "hygge" culture in Danish society. During my internship in Copenhagen, I saw that a lot of Danish Children are interested in Chinese culture and I also learned Danish language for several months "good morn" "Han go day" "cu sen tak". the globalisation brings us closer to each other, and this cooperation will benefit the people in both countries. In The future i would like to serve as a bridge between China and Denmark.

I am proud to see the SDC growing. Our community is stronger and more vibrant and this could not happen without the efforts of everyone here, to share, to inspire, and to embrace each other. So, congratulations to the class of 2017. When you walk out the door today you are already equipped with the most critical skill to succeed in the future— the ability to embrace study, diversity and cooperation.

Finally, best luck to us and may our friendship last forever

Thank you