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Distinguished guests, Dear students

Congratulations on your completion of your degrees here at the Sino-Danish Center for Research and Education.

I am as the Danish Ambassador to China proud to witness once again a new generation of graduates from SDC's seven Master's programmes.

There are two famous Chinese sayings: “Every step leaves its print” and “Studying is like climbing a mountain”.

You have chosen to take many steps here at SDC and every experience you have gained will prepare you for your future challenges and further experiences. Nevertheless, today is the day you have reached the top of the mountain, and you are now able to enjoy the result of your endeavours.

2017 has already been an extraordinary year for the relationship between Denmark and China. During the official state visit by the Danish Prime minister in May, we got the opportunity to upgrade and enrich the comprehensive strategic partnership established in 2008 with the China-Denmark Joint Work Programme.

The Joint Work Programme will further strengthen and deepen our cooperation in a vast number of fields and at all levels during the coming years towards 2020.

The Joint Work Program will entail continued and frequent dialogue at the national level including sector ministries, authorities, institutions and companies in vital areas such as education, infrastructure, energy, environment, health and food safety.

Innovative solutions in these areas are also the key drivers of future economic growth in China, which is emphasized in the 13<sup>th</sup> 5-year plan. It is also some of the main sector for generating growth and employment in Denmark.

With the academic skills and intercultural understanding that you have gained here at SDC, you have expertise to offer in exactly these fields, which will be in high demand by companies. I hope you will keep on promoting the unique cooperation between China and Denmark.

Dear students, 2017 is the final chapter in your SDC story. However, a new chapter for SDC will begin later this year, when SDC moves into The House of the Danish Industry Foundation at the UCAS campus in Yanqihu.

As graduates of 2017 you will of course remember your time at SDC in the UCAS Beijing Campus. However, I hope you will all get a chance to return to SDC in the future in the new surroundings north of Beijing.

Dear students, I hope you will continue to find new adventures, new challenges to overcome and a new mountain to climb whether that may be in Denmark, in China or internationally.

I wish you the best of luck in the future and hope you will continue to pursue your dreams.

Congratulations and thank you.