

## SDC graduation, 24 June 2017

### Speech by Principal Director and Dean of SDC, Wu Yueliang

Good morning!  
Your excellency Mr. Carsten Damsgaard,  
Dear Ms. Inger Askehave,  
Distinguished guests,  
Fellow students, professors, parents,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome. Thank you for witnessing the SDC graduation ceremony. This is a great chance for everyone to celebrate and unite, a good point where we look back and conclude what we have achieved, and look forward to the next phase.

This year we will graduate 119 students, among them, 24 are Danish master students and 95 are Chinese students. The number of students is growing fast, as well as the number of talented graduates produced. These cannot be realized without steady back-up from eight Danish universities and CAS, tremendous efforts from PCs and HEPs, selfless dedication from all our professors, especially those who fly thousands of miles away from Denmark. On behalf of UCAS, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you.

In the coming September, SDC Building will be put into use. It will be a landmark symbolizing a brand new phase for SDC. SDC is a long-term goal regarding education, research and industry collaboration. The new building will serve as a physical platform, bridging the previous achievements with the future planning. The link with industry will gradually be built up, which in return stimulates and supports education and research. We have established close relations between social sciences and enterprises. SDC student interns and graduates are well accepted by Chinese and Danish companies. With the moving into the new building, natural sciences will also be encouraged to conduct more cooperation with industry.

Our new program food and health, to be launched soon, has actively interacted with Chinese and Danish enterprises. It is designed to solve problems and challenges food industries face with. This is a good example, linking education with industry. Another new program physics and astrophysics will also be initiated soon, enriching the range of educations in SDC.

The market and research community long for advanced talents produced by education. We are proud to see SDC graduates are competitive in different fields. We also believe they will become backbone in their fields. But education has done more than that. Education is not only a matter of knowledge acquisition. It also breeds personhood, qualities

and skills into our students. These are more important factors that we expect from SDC. We believe SDC has achieved our expectations.

Different programs, cultures, religions, even food styles are big challenges for our students. But we are fully confident that the inclusiveness, as the outcome of the unique SDC culture has taught students to see the world in an open way. We hope you will become who you truly want to be, and improve societies of the two nations.

For SDC, we place our high hopes in its role in the talent training, closer research and industry collaboration. SDC also attracts interests of the undergraduate students at UCAS. They are a group of potential talents trained for the scientific research in the key fields at CAS. Their joining will enhance SDC's role as a platform, also elevate student quality in general.

We should also be more ambitious in the larger framework of the national and international science and industry development. The government has a long-term planning. In our neighborhood, CAS science park in Huairou, and Beijing nano science and industry park have been built and operated with great influences.

In the long run, The Belt and Road Initiative is a bridge of Asian-European continent. It will boost the mutual economic growth, scientific and industrial collaboration, tourism development, and even oyster consumption which annoys Danes. Denmark is our comprehensive strategic partner. We hope, SDC as the crucial joint efforts between Denmark and China, will exploit its particular advantages in the Belt and Road Initiative, contributing to the two nations.

Thank you.