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*Dear Rector, Distinguished Professors, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

*I am very pleased to have this opportunity to say a few words at the graduation ceremony of the MCI 2020. This is indeed an important event for all of us because it allows us to draw the attention of how to provide a borderless learning/communication environment and a new normal professional teaching under the pandemic circumstances.*

*How to prepare yourself for a return to crowds*

*“A year from now, if someone asks how living through Covid-19 changed you for the better, how do you want to answer?”*



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*Regardless of the difficulties you've suffered, you get to decide how this shapes the person you want to become. Ponder those possibilities every day, and allow them to bolster hope when you need it.*

***Stay focused on the bigger story.** When we go back to crowds, however, we will expect a return to the familiar. To prepare yourself for the transition back to crowds, I want you to stay focused on the bigger story. This pandemic change the world in ways we've yet to understand. Many of the unknowns ahead represent extraordinary opportunity, for example, joint course, virtual team, distant international professors' lectures, and we each get to decide what part we play in that unfolding story. For the many moments during this epic story when the word "together" has taken on an entirely new meaning, our transition back to work will redefine it yet again. What part will you play in making it mean something extraordinary?*