

# Graduation Speech

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Dear faculty members, families, friends and fellow graduates, good morning. I am very honored to have the opportunity to address you on behalf of the graduates of the 2018 generation of Technische Hochschule Lübeck.

First of all, beloved family members, friends and loved ones, we owe you a multitude of appreciation for your support, sacrifice and encouragement in the course of our study, and for having traveled from far and near to celebrate with us today. The family members and friends who could not join us today (including my family in Shanghai), I know they share in our joy today and equally deserve our appreciation. I also must thank all of the faculty members, especially the academic supervisors and co-supervisors. Our graduation today cannot be realized without your constant efforts and patience in guiding us to reach our academic goal. I also want to thank the department secretaries who always provided timely support every time when we needed help.

Four years ago, we entered East China University of Science and Technology, craving for a bright future. Whether it was our choices or not, we became part of the Sino-German cooperation program between ECUST and Technische Hochschule Lübeck. Inevitably, some of us may have doubted that if we had made the right decision, but now, recalling what we have been through, I believe all the efforts we made worth it. We received precious friendship from our peers, enlightening guidance from our teachers, and an abundance of memory we could share and remember for our whole life. They become the reasons why we may be reluctant to split ourselves from the campus life.

We experienced the four-person dormitory life in ECUST. At that time, we mostly ate in the university canteen. Now we live in the apartment in the THL campus. We cook together and have meals in groups. We grow from an unskillful cook to a master chef and learned how to live alone.

I still remember the hard time studying advanced mathematics. The differentiation of signals and systems always confused me. The period of struggling in the programming project still remain fresh in my memory. The recitation of 300 questions frustrated me to get a better grade of computer networks. I spent three months concentrating on my bachelor thesis. All of these involvements in the academic study not only made me realize the difficulty but also instruct me in the way to learn.

We once held an evening party to celebrate Christmas and New Year. We also held a birthday party with China buddies for our friends. We took part in the student union to hold events. We participated in volunteers as well. We had an internship in different companies and enterprises. We even learned how to make a hammer, and we finally made one. All of these experiences and memories establish a rapport among us. We might not get in touch with each other a few years later, but these memories will last forever.

Four years seem to be long, but four years can also be summarized in this five-minute speech. From now on, we will part ways, and pursue our own goals. Some may study for a master degree, others might find a job and work diligently. We might be successful in the job life, or we might be struggling in the master research. Whatever we are, I hope us to cherish the moment, to remember the names, the status, appearance and the character of the people around us. With these memories, we won't be alone. All the experience will give us to strength to confront troubles. In short, wish all of us a bright future, and wish us never end in this meaningful relationship. Thank you!