

# President's Address for Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations everyone!

I am delighted to deliver the congratulatory address at your graduation for the Special Program for International Students in the Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering and the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University.

How was your life in Matsue? When you came to Matsue to enroll in Shimane University, it may not have been easy to live and study in a foreign country. That is to say that you might have experienced some difficulties concerning the food, language and customs that differ from your home country. This year, the world has changed completely with the spread of novel coronavirus infection worldwide. This is a situation that was completely unimaginable when you first came here. Even at our university, during the first half of this academic year, all classes were held online, and it was difficult for all students to come to campus. I am truly sorry that this last half year, the culmination of your campus life, happened under such conditions.

However, you overcame a lot of difficulties, and you have now successfully completed the program in your field of study through your hard work. Finally, you were able to complete your theses and have been awarded a graduate degree.

I am very glad about this, and greatly admire your efforts and dedication.

Some of you will return to your home country, some of you will work at a company in Japan, and still some of you will continue to study at Shimane University.

Either way, I hope that you will contribute to the development of sustainable society worldwide using the knowledge and skills you gained through your study at Shimane University. You chose to study Agriculture, Environmental Science,

Engineering or Natural Science. All of the fields mentioned are essential for creating and making innovations in a new stage of human life.

Now, there are Alumni Associations of Shimane University in six countries: Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Thailand. If you return to your home country and your home country is included in this list, I hope that you will join the association and enjoy yourself with other alumni of Shimane University.

I hope all of you will have big success in the future, and enjoy your life.

My best wishes for your future!

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The President of Shimane University