

UMT 2025 Commencement Speech Saturday October 25, 2025
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Dear UMT staff, Faculty, fellow graduates, and family members from afar. Today, it's my true honour to stand here on behalf of graduates of UMT Hong Kong and as Co-pastor of His Ministries of Hong Kong and Global Minister of an Uganda Church.

My academic journey began in 1986 at the University of Manchester, UK, after graduating from one of the oldest boarding school in UK, where I earned my Bachelor of Science with (full-time) honors. This experience ignited my passion for lifelong learning - a commitment that has guided my path ever since. After returning to Hong Kong in the late 1980s, I dedicated over three decades to the management of public service sector, driven by a desire to contribute meaningfully to our community.

While working full-time, I continued my education through part-time postgraduate studies across Hong Kong's esteemed institutions: The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the City University of Hong Kong. The three Master Degree program equipped me with tools to better serve others as a pastor after retiring from my managerial role in public management sector, blending social justice, theology counselling and leadership, and legal expertise.

In 2018, I embarked on my most ambitious academic endeavor: an online Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) with the University of Management and Technology (UMT). This journey, which spanned 7 years, culminated in June 2025. The DBA program challenged me to merge decades of practical experience with cutting-edge business theory, reshaping my post-retirement vision into one of global impact. Immersed in research and writing, I cherished every moment of this intellectually enriching process.

Beyond earning the title of "Doctor"; UMT's DBA program gifted me something far greater: a vibrant global network of scholars and practitioners. These connections empower my work in international ministry, turning academic achievement into purposeful service.

Earning my doctorate degree is not merely a personal milestone, but a testament to the power of perseverance, faith, and the collective effort of those who walk beside me.

I extend profound gratitude to UMT Hong Kong, especially Mr. Ray Cheng, for unwavering administrative and academic support. My deepest appreciation goes to my thesis supervisor, Dr. Mark Li, whose meticulous guidance, profound expertise, and patient mentorship were invaluable.

Last but not the least, I would like to take this opportunity to give my biggest thanks to the Almighty God for everything He provided and arranged, without the Grace of our Lord, I'm nothing and may His Glory be shined upon all the paths of every UMT graduates.

Thank you.