

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF VINUNIVERSITY

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**Distinguished parents, honored guests,
Faculty members, dear students, and most importantly, our Graduating Class of 2026,**

Today, we gather to celebrate a truly special moment: the Graduation Ceremony of the VinUniversity Class of 2026.

Today is a day of joy. A day of pride.

This year, VinUni celebrates the graduation of 200 students, including the first-ever cohort of 47 medical doctors.

Our theme this year, **“Born in Vietnam. Built for the World,”** perfectly captures your journey.

Educated at a Vietnamese university, you carry with you the Vietnamese aspirations to contribute to the world.

That is why the Class of 2026 proudly bears the title of **Future Makers**. You are not a generation that passively waits for the future to unfold. You are the generation that will help create it.

Dear Class of 2026 Graduates,

Your journey to this proud day has been remarkable in many ways.

First, **you are an exceptionally global Class of 2026.**

50.5% of you have participated in international exchange experiences,

28.22% completed an international study semester.

You have studied, conducted research, and interned across the globe, from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Japan, Singapore, and many other destinations.

You have experienced world-renowned academic institutions such as Harvard University, Imperial College London, the University of Toronto, the University of Pennsylvania, and

Cornell University, as well as leading practice-based institutions including the Cleveland Clinic and CAPRISA.

Each journey abroad was far more than an academic experience. It was an opportunity to engage with a vast world of diverse peoples and nations. It was also an opportunity to better understand who you are, your origins, your homeland, and how each of you can contribute to your own growth while helping build a better world.

Second, you are a generation driven by discovery and bold enough to innovate.

Over the past academic year, more than 500 undergraduate students participated in research projects spanning artificial intelligence, data science, green transformation, advanced materials, biomedical sciences, energy, environmental sustainability, and public health.

Many of you have already published scientific papers, developed research products, or created practical solutions while still an undergraduate.

From research, you have gone on to innovation. To date, VinUniversity has incubated 148 student-founded startups across fields including artificial intelligence, education, healthcare, engineering, finance, media, and e-commerce.

This is a remarkable journey: using science to improve lives, using technology to shape the future, and, most importantly, moving beyond learning technology to becoming the people who create and lead it.

Yet what moves me most about the Class of 2026 is not your achievements alone.

It is the way you have continued to care for one another through every challenge.

Vietnamese students supporting international students.

Senior students mentoring younger cohorts.

Learning together. Working together. Growing together.

That spirit defines VinUni: young, talented, and kind.

You will move quickly. You will go far. But you will always move forward together.

Distinguished guests,

The Class of 2026's journey at VinUni has led to accomplishments that we can be immensely proud of.

Among graduates outside the medical program, **23% have already received offers to pursue master's degrees** at leading universities, including the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Peking University, the Australian National University (ANU), and the University of Queensland.

We can proudly say that the international experiences offered at VinUni have become a strong foundation for your continued academic journeys at some of the world's finest universities.

Even before graduation, more than **55% of the Class of 2026 had already secured employment** with outstanding organizations such as SAP, IBM, Amazon, TikTok, Shopee, PwC, Boston Consulting Group, VNG, FPT Software, and Unilever.

Many graduates from the College of Engineering and Computer Science have also joined leading technology companies within the Vingroup ecosystem, including VinFast, VinMotion, VinSmart Future, VinDynamics, and VinSOC.

These achievements proudly demonstrate that your internships, research experiences, and entrepreneurial ventures have equipped you with the capabilities the future demands: critical thinking, problem solving, discipline, determination, and the ability to translate ideas into real-world impact.

Our university has chosen the right direction for the future, and so have you.

Distinguished guests,

Today, I would also like to offer special congratulations to our first 47 graduating medical doctors.

You are the first graduates of an internationally benchmarked Doctor of Medicine program, co-developed and validated with the University of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations as well to those who have successfully passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), opening the door to advanced training and medical practice on the global stage.

Together, VinUniversity and Vinmec have also established residency programs aligned with ACGME International (ACGME-I) standards across major specialties, including Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Orthopaedic Surgery, and Diagnostic Radiology. They are continuing to expand these programs to include Emergency Medicine, Neurosurgery and Spine Surgery, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology (ENT), and Dentistry, as well as advanced specialties such as Cardiology, Critical Care Medicine, Geriatrics, Medical Genetics, Oncology, and Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

The Vinmec International Healthcare System stands ready to welcome our nursing graduates and newly qualified physicians with outstanding career opportunities and an environment where they can become exceptional clinicians, accomplished researchers, compassionate caregivers, and dedicated professionals committed to improving patients' lives.

Distinguished guests,

On this memorable occasion, on behalf of the leadership of VinUniversity, I would like to express our deepest gratitude.

We sincerely thank our partner universities, corporate partners, hospitals, and the Vingroup ecosystem for providing our students with extraordinary opportunities to learn, conduct research, gain professional experience, and pursue entrepreneurship.

We are especially honored today to welcome **Professor Glen Gaulton from the University of Pennsylvania**, a trusted mentor and dear friend who has stood beside VinUniversity since its earliest days. I am confident that he brings with him not only a gift for our university, but also new opportunities that will enable our students and graduates to reach even further onto the global stage.

We are equally honored to welcome **Professor La Manh Hung, Chairman of VinDynamics**, together with many senior leaders from across the Vingroup ecosystem. Your presence today represents new opportunities, greater challenges, and broader horizons for our graduates as they embark on the next stage of their journeys.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to our parents, faculty members, and staff, whose unwavering belief, dedication, and quiet support have shaped every student's growth.

We are deeply grateful to the leaders of the Government of Vietnam for entrusting VinUniversity with the opportunity to contribute to the future of higher education in our country.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the leaders, founders, and investors of Vingroup, whose vision and extraordinary commitment have made this remarkable university possible.

Dear Graduates,

Once again, congratulations.

Today is your final day as students at VinUni. It is also your first day as VinUni alumni.

From this day forward, your journey is not only about going further. It is about giving more.

Success is not measured only by what you achieve for yourselves, but also by how many others you inspire, support, and help succeed alongside you.

Take your youth, your talent, and your aspirations wherever they are needed most.

I wish you every success.

But even more than success, I wish you a life of meaning.

Always remember that you are **VinUnians**.

Dream boldly.
Finish what you begin.
Never stop adapting.

VinUni will always be proud of you.
And VinUni will always be a place you can call home.

Congratulations to the **Future Makers** of VinUniversity.

From Vietnam. For the world. **Together, we will build the Future.**

Thank you.