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President's Commencement Ceremony Address for September 2025

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Ladies and gentlemen, dear graduates,

To all who have completed the Master's and Doctoral programs, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Receiving your degree today is not only your personal achievement, but also a great joy for all of us—faculty and staff alike—here at Kyutech.

I would also like to take a moment to thank your families, friends, host families, and many others who have supported you throughout this journey. Their encouragement and care have played an important role in making today possible.

We live in a time when innovation in science and technology is moving forward at an astonishing speed. Recent years have brought remarkable progress in fields such as brain-inspired computing, bioengineering, carbon-neutral technologies, and many other areas of engineering research. At Kyutech, we also see great advances in fields where our university is especially strong: generative AI, autonomous robotics, beyond-5G communication, space utilization, environmental adaptation, robotics, and biomedical engineering. These technologies are not only changing industries but also transforming the very structure of society.

The years you spent here were at the turning point when these technologies began to take root in real life. Generative AI, for example, is no longer just a support tool. It is now used in design, development, education, and even in creative activities. It helps researchers write papers, plan experiments, and reflect on ethical issues. This has greatly expanded what is expected from researchers and engineers.

At the same time, we must remember the risks of relying too heavily on technology. It is vital to judge the accuracy of information and to understand both the limits and the potential of these tools. That awareness is what will guide society toward responsible

innovation.

I am confident that each of you here has developed the qualities needed for this responsibility. At Kyutech you have built your capacity for inquiry, logical thinking, ethical judgment, and above all, the courage to face difficult challenges. These will be your strengths as you step into society.

During your time here, you have studied and lived alongside people from many countries and cultures. You have learned to understand one another across differences, and you have built friendships and trust that will last a lifetime. Please treasure those connections. They are not only academic networks but also personal bonds that will enrich your future.

Our world today is confronted by serious issues: climate change, energy shortages, geopolitical tensions, and global health challenges. To solve these problems, we need cooperation across borders and respect for diverse perspectives. I believe that engineering—grounded in scientific thought and innovation—can make a vital contribution to building a sustainable society that rises above division.

At Kyutech, we value “the creation of diversity” as a central principle. Welcoming people with different genders, nationalities, and areas of expertise is not enough. We aim to create an environment where diversity leads to new value and innovation. When people with different backgrounds work together, fresh ideas and technologies emerge—ones that could not have been imagined within a limited group. I encourage you to become pioneers in this process.

Earning your degree is a great milestone, but it is not the end of learning. Please continue to ask questions, to seek answers, and to remain active at the frontiers of knowledge. Apply your expertise to real social needs, and use it to build a better future.

Finally, I hope that all the knowledge, friendships, and experiences you have gained here will guide you as you move forward. May you continue to grow, lead meaningful lives, and open new paths for yourselves and for society. And may you always remember your alma mater, Kyutech, as a place where your journey was shaped.

Once again, congratulations to you all. I wish you every success in the years ahead.

Thank you.