



TIWCEF 2020

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Farewell Presentation

Members



周語軒 (Yǔ-xuān Zhōu)

- ❖ National Taiwan Normal University
- ❖ Department of Special Education
- ❖ loves words and art, interested in filming.



李宜錡 (Yí-qí Lǐ)

- ❖ National ChengChi University
- ❖ Department of Psychology
- ❖ has just undergone a series of major surgeries; still in hospital.

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林芸伍 (Yún-wǔ Lín)

- ❖ National Taiwan University
- ❖ Department of Physics
- ❖ makes gadgets.
- ❖ goes bicycling.
- ❖ loves doing activities and making friends.
- ❖ helps children with their study without being paid.



許芷毓 (Zhǐ-yù Xǔ)

- ❖ National Central University
- ❖ Department of Electrical Engineering
- ❖ loves ball sports; enjoys engaging in community services.



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洪樺諺 (Huà-yàn Hóng)

- ❖ National Taipei University
- ❖ Department of Law and Justice
- ❖ interested in first-rate films and moreish meals.



黃品瑄 (Pǐn-xuān Huáng)

- ❖ National Taiwan University
- ❖ Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
- ❖ loves fictions and films; listens to music.

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奚婷妤 (Tíng-yú Xī)

- ❖ The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ❖ Department of Psychology
- ❖ enjoys reading, drawing, and singing; listens to songs.



蔡昀泓 (Yún-hóng Cài)

- ❖ National Taiwan University
- ❖ Department of Accounting
- ❖ made these slides.
- ❖ embrace plainness.
- ❖ find joy and peace of mind during rainy days.
- ❖ tend to savour every word while reading.



Friendship

At first, everyone looked so distant and cold, but as the conversation began, our friendship started. The longer we are together, the more we know each other, and the stronger the bond becomes. We are and will stay pals.



Wishes to 宜錡



Wish you a quick and full recovery! We are all thinking of you, looking forward to our next meeting—after the pandemic. You are kind and courageous enough. The disease cannot defeat you. You are the one who motivates us. Get well soon!



Self-Commitment

- ❖ 語軒: Be the person that I will look up to.
- ❖ 芸伍: Publish a good paper and find the right career.
- ❖ 芷毓: Dedicate myself to what I am really interested in.



- ❖ 樺諺: Have justice served.
- ❖ 品瑄: Reach the goal. Stay happy and hopeful.
- ❖ 婷妤: Contribute to the society.
- ❖ 昀泓: Be soft and strong.

Farewell Speech

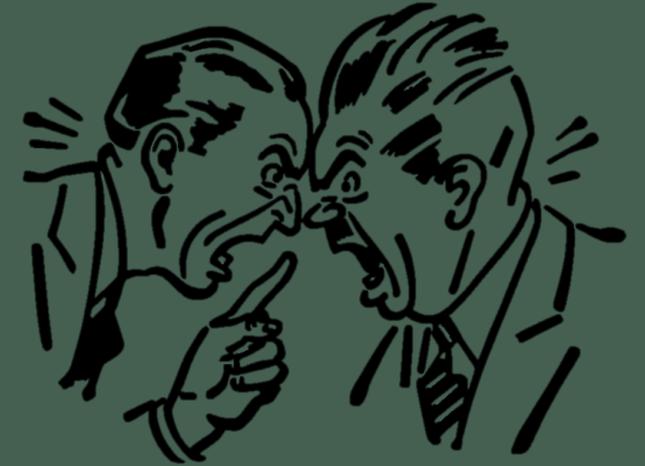


Technically, the farewell is to ourselves, since we are the ones that are setting forth, but someday, all of you will leave the family and start your own journey, so it can be said that we are giving it to you in advance.

Before anything else, we would like to show our gratitude to TIWCEF, without whom we would probably not have been able to stay focused on our study, pursue our dreams, and come to join the community, where we got motivated and inspired and felt emotionally supported. We are ever so afraid that we fail to fully express our appreciation.

Throughout the four years, Taiwan experienced and witnessed a series of historic events. These include

- same-sex marriage legalisation (approved in 2017),
- National Taiwan University's 2018 presidential election,
- Hong Kong's anti-extradition protests (2019), and
- our national presidential election this year,



all of which sparked heated debates, which should have helped bring people together. But sadly, our country seems to have gone into the reverse: Generations are torn apart, the gap enlarged, hatred spread, our society polarised, probably than ever, our strength more or less sapped.

Public debate is the embodiment of freedom of expression and is a sign of democracy. While this is agreed, many do not appear to recognise that true freedom is not unrestricted, but afforded only when we behave responsibly and show due respect to each other; and that true debate is the process of communicating with people holding different views in the hope of achieving a consensus, not proving people inferior or wrong.



We are all human. However gifted, educated, and experienced we are, we all make mistakes. It is important that we acknowledge our imperfection and heed people's opinions sometimes. One of the most defining characteristics of Fascism is that the leader is so confident about himself that he ignores and forcibly suppresses the opposition, building an autocratic regime, which, history tells us, is doomed to crumble.

