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“Mastery for Service” can Change the World

Congratulations on your graduation from Kwansei Gakuin University! I hope that you have many happy memories of your time here, and this beautiful graduation day. Although many Japanese young people go to universities and colleges, only about one percent of the people in the world have university degrees, so you are very special. Of course, you have a degree from KGU, which makes you even more special.

As a graduate of Kwansei Gakuin University, you should be proud of the knowledge and experience you have gained here. You now have a broad education to give you a global perspective, as well as the skills to be a creative member of society. With the educational foundation you gained here at KGU, you will continue to learn and master new things. But, more than this solid academic education, I hope that you have learned the meaning of our motto, “Mastery for Service.”

Your KGU education has prepared you for the world that is waiting outside these doors. These are unusual times, both in business and in society. We are not sure what will happen in the near future, but there is always a need for capable people who want to make a better world. The news is full of people who have tried to become rich, powerful, or famous by breaking the law or hurting other people. Many of them are very intelligent, and have impressive university degrees. However, they did not use their abilities to help others, or to improve society. They used their skills and advantages in selfish ways.

Never forget: “Mastery for Service” can change the world! This means YOU. Every choice you make reflects your values – what you buy, what you do with your free time, how you treat other people, how you approach your work..... To change society for the better, you must be willing to see the world through other people’s eyes, especially those who are weak. “Mastery for Service” means never forgetting our responsibility to this planet and all those who make it their home.

I pray that your future will be full of joy as you pursue “Mastery for Service.” Remember that you will always be a special member of the Kwansei Gakuin family.

本日はご卒業おめでとうございます。心よりお祝い申し上げます。

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