Dear IT Graduates:

Congratulations!

You made it! Your efforts have paid off. You have passed all the tests. You went through both better and worse school days. You have patiently struggled the sleepless nights of coding and debugging your programs. You have endured all the challenging assignments and machine problems at your toughest pace. You have graciously deprived yourself from the tempting and sophisticated computer games and procrastinating social loafing with friends. You have reverently satisfied your parents’ greatest wish for their beloved sons and daughters.

This is the moment that you were dreaming of ever since you stepped into the portals of the University of Cebu – College of Information and Computer Studies (UC-CICS). You have gained that self-respect after rising up to the expectation of your loved ones; the community; the country, in general; and God, above all. You have scholarly learned what you need to learn. You have submitted yourself to the intricacies of the computing field. You have achieved the technical skills that the industry anticipates. You have acquired the confidence that you need to get. You have prepared yourself professionally and ethically. You got it!

Now that you made it, now that you got it, start working on it. Not just for what you can earn but for what you can be capable of and for what you can help in nation-building. The real world out there is more demanding but rewarding. The real IT industry is more taxing but fulfilling. You set off and make it work. Hatch that budding you furthermore. Work on it!

The computing field is swifter than you can imagine. You don’t just settle on what you previously learned and presently toil. You must live by what IT is developing you. You must live by what IT is expecting you. You must live by what IT is inviting you. Live it!

Be proud of it! I salute you. You must be proud of your Alma Mater and treasure her. You must be prouder of yourself today but humble in general ways. You must be proudest of your parents and sponsors but prove to them more.

You made IT. You got IT. Work on IT. Live IT. Be proud of IT.

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