

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**  
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Dean, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Faculty Members, and prospective Master of Public Health Graduates.

It is my pleasure to be here today, and experience the development of the Master of Public Health Program of this Faculty. I am impressed and appreciate time and effort that Dean and Faculty members to ensure high quality of the course outcomes.

Besides the academic accomplishment, I am pleased to learn that the students of this program had an opportunity to experience and appreciate the cultural and social similarities and diversity among groups of various nationalities. This will enhance further development of friendship and cooperation between people and countries among health personnel as well as peaceful co-existence and better understanding, which is strongly desired by every nation.

The past 12 months of study has been a sufficient time for all of you to observe how the health care system in this country works at different levels and under different conditions, and to appreciate the inter-relationship and inter-dependence between health, social and economic development. I also hope that you have come to realize that becoming a dynamic public health professional is crucial in this globalized world. I am confident that you will all be health professionals who are highly competent and serving your country with pride.

As the President of Mahidol University, as well as a “teacher or arjarn”, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you on your success in the course program, and for making the past year a most fruitful and memorable one for everyone at the faculty.

Please feel free to write or call on us for any assistance you may need or for future collaborative activities. From now on, you are our alumni of whom the Faculty of Public Health and Mahidol University are justifiably proud.

Let me end by sincerely wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. Thank you.