

I am very sorry that I cannot be here tonight to join with you in this celebration of achievement!

On behalf of ACT Education Solutions, I would like to congratulate Mr Pisut, and all teachers and staff at Sarasas Ektra School for their dedication and care provided to the students.

My congratulations and gratitude goes to all parents who have entrusted their children's education to Mr Pisut's care and to the GAC program.

Of course, I extend my congratulations to the graduating students on their achievement.

I will start by quoting from Evan Esar, an American humourist, who lived from 1899-1995. He lived 95 years so he must have known a thing or two!

Success is the good fortune that comes from aspiration, desperation, perspiration and inspiration.

Aspiration – having goals to achieve, a direction to take

Desperation – that feeling you get when you are running out of time to get your assignments in on time

Perspiration - which comes from hard work and application

Inspiration – those fleeting moments when we have the ...AH HA... moment.

I know that every student here has worked through those different feelings and stages in order to complete the GAC program along with their Thai national curriculum, as well as their various other interests and hobbies. Every student here is a success story. Every student here should be feeling a sense of accomplishment. Every student here should be anticipating their future studies at university with excitement and confidence. You have all proven that you are not afraid of hard work (which will surely follow at university) and that you have the persistence to see it through. Parents, please feel very reassured that your sons or daughters are very well prepared for the next step in their lives.

I'd like to conclude with advice from another American, **Robert Collier**, 1885-1950, a self-help, motivational writer. He didn't live quite as long as Evan Esar – only 65 years – but he was well known for his wisdom.

He said:

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

Students, if you remember that piece of advice, I am sure you will continue your success at university and in life. Good luck to you all.

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