

**2016-2017 HKUST Intramural Sports Competitions
Basketball Finals Cum Closing Ceremony
Vote of Thanks by Queenie SOO,
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Prof. JONEJA, Prof. CHAN, Prof. NG, Mr. YEUNG, ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening. The 17th HKUST Intramural Sports Competitions are coming to a successful end. We feel honored and delighted to host this event, to provide a stage and spotlight to all our participants, who undoubtedly demonstrated good sportsmanship and gave us memorable and entertaining flashes. On behalf of the Sports Association, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to staff from the Student Affairs Office, executive committee members from the Sports Association, Event PICs, referees, officials and all fellow students who have competed in any of the events. Every single one of you has made this competition a better one. Thank you for your dedication and support along the way.

Throwing back to the beginning of Fall Semester, the team and I all started with the passion to promote sports within the HKUST community, followed by frustration handling eligibility and administrative matters. Yet, seeing our student-athletes immerse themselves in passionate cheers and the glamour of illuminating spirits has swept away frustrations with enthusiasm again.

Growing up as a professional athlete, I have been told numerous times that there is only one winner in the arena. Being the champion was the only single goal I had. Now taking a step backward, standing on the stage as an organizer rather than an athlete, I have seen a lot more than the gold. Back then in the Hong Kong team, I see people training 3 hours per day, 6 days per week. I see passion – passion to be the top of the world. In HKUST, I see departmental teams organizing weekly training, offering an opportunity to sports lovers. I see passion – passion to improve. Yes, there is only one Champion in a competition, but after all, there isn't just one winner. I see all of us here bringing back home more than just a trophy but personal growth. And I believe this is one of the most invaluable assets that will build up our success in the future.

Prize-recipients – congratulations on winning the competition this year. Your hard work and discipline is paying off, enjoy your successes. On the other hand, for those who didn't get a prize, never mind, I believe all of you have immersed yourself in the beauty of sports and reap a precious experience.

In closing, thank you once again for the participation of departmental teams and the unfailing guidance and support from staff. The 17th HKUST Intramural Sports Competitions would not have been such a great success without your devotion. I hope that all of you have enjoyed this year's competitions and I am looking forward to another exciting and remarkable season next year. Now, I'll pass back the time to our MCs, and I would sincerely like to invite you all to bathe with us in the joy and merriment of the events. Thank you.



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