Communication and social skills
Language ability is very important..... As Mainland China will become the world’s dominant market for the next few decades, there is a huge demand for people who are proficient in both languages, there is a premium for cross culture.

Develop a goal for yourself
What do you want to do with your life and where do you want to be 10 or 20 years after graduation? What is your ideal in life?..... You've got to start dreaming..... It is OK even if your dream is to be rolling in great wealth, providing it is through legal means and you are adding something to society and mankind..... dreaming alone will not get you anywhere. You have then got to follow up with another 2 ‘D’s’, i.e., determination and discipline.

Make Friends
Look around you. This is the class of 2001 and they are your partners for life..... Friendships built during this period are more long-lasting than those you will make after graduation.

Develop a Hobby
.....University is like a supermarket. You must pick up what you want, whether it is sports or any of the whole range of extra-curricula activities.

Find yourself
There is plenty of time to get to know yourself. You will not have the same luxury again once you are doing a full-time job. Use these 3 years and with due humility, assess your own potential, know your own limitations, identify your strengths and weaknesses, and try to observe and learn from those around you. Draw up a balance sheet of your assets and liabilities.

At the end of the 3 or 5 years, you want to say to yourself I am ready to take on the world and make it a better place. Thousands have gone before you through these doors and have done their bit for Hong Kong. I am chairing at the moment an editorial group and we will publish a book entitled the impact of the HKU graduates. The book will detail the contributions from past HKU graduates to various aspects of development in Hong Kong over the 90 years of HKU’s existence. Different generations of graduates have become successful businessmen, doctors, lawyers, accountants, Government officials, school teachers, social workers, housewives. They have all played their part in bringing about Hong Kong’s phenomenal economic growth in the past decades. That was the miracle of yesterday, Hong Kong is now facing new challenges and needs another revival. You are the people to bring about the next miracle.”