

Schoolmates Today, Friends Forever
2016 Singapore Sports School Graduation Ceremony





Many in the audience were pleasantly surprised when Mr Tan Teck Hock, Principal of Singapore Sports School, sang the chorus of Vitamin C's "Graduation (Friends Forever)" during his speech at the Sports School's Graduation Ceremony on 30 September 2016.

Yet, it was this theme of friendship which binded the speeches made by Mr Tan, Guest-of-Honour Mr Lock Wai Han, and those of valedictory speakers Chong Wei Guan and Elizabeth Chia Qi Min.

"I want to thank all my friends, and a part of me cries as I know we will embark on different paths next year," said Wei Guan, a Secondary 4 student-athlete.

Graduating International Baccalaureate student-athlete Elizabeth also shared her junior's sentiments.

"Graduating is exciting, but I cannot imagine separating from the most familiar group of friends I have known for the past six years," Elizabeth said.

Even Mr Lock urged the 145 graduands to keep in touch with each other, calling it the one thing they needed to remember.

"Thirty years after leaving school, and some of my best friends are still my secondary and junior college friends. Treasure these friendships as these are our true friends who will stick with us through thick and thin," he said.

It was therefore fitting that graduating student-athlete Daniel Abdullah Harun performed Fun's "We are young", a song ending with the line "and you feel like falling down, I'll carry you home, tonight" as if to emphasise the unity the Class of 2016 shared.

The ceremony ended with the Sports School Anthem, before the graduating class proceeded to pose for pictures to remind themselves of the friendships they would have, forever.