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Good afternoon, Godan daginn! Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Liu Donglin, it is really a great honour for me to stand before you to speak sincerely on behalf of 23 fellows from 10 countries of UNU-GTP class of 2017. Today is our graduation ceremony day, our glorious moment, we have completed the six months' course, and successfully left 23 reports to Frida and Ingimar, we are free now, Good Luck to Frida and Ingimar.☺

We arrived in Iceland in April like a new born baby, we really have had a short hard time here, get to know each other with different cultural background, get to know everything in iceland, it seems we all have some story with the bus, our first challenge was to find our way to UNU office.

Now we already get used to the life here, everyday do our best to make improvement in the office, check the aurora forecast, because sometimes it really works, and do not pay attention to the weather forecast, arriving at Kringlan or Samarilind as quickly as we can when it has discount news.

Well, looking back the whole training was like a long journey, some main events can be refined:

Ruthless writing test A and B during the introductory lectures, Lawrence, Philip, Risper and Tuan directly joined Test A almost without lectures. Only reservoir and chemistry are lucky enough to have a writing test by the end of the specialized training, the truth is no one wanted it at that time.

We have fantastic field trip to Hengill, Thorsmork, Reykjanes, and North and West Iceland. However, there is a field trip report waiting for us, to remind us we are not a tourist, we should learn something during the trip.

We have two months of bloody report period, which initially made us feel frustrated, hopeless, stressful, and unconfident. Some of us even have insomnia problems. It hard to say when it was already finished yesterday or today, it depends on when Ludivik left his office yesterday evening.

Yes we look painful superficially, but we are so happy deep in our hearts, because we all know we are learning something new, something advanced and we all know the difficult hard time also when we are making progress.

Now the curtain of the training is falling down, but a new gate for us is just open, we are still learners here, but we are already the experts in our respective countries after the training, we will do something different to our home countries' reservoir.

Our luggage is fully packed with the published report, local souvenir and food, our mind is full with the geothermal knowledge, beautiful scenery of Iceland and unforgettable memories, it is departure time and it is the time for us to express our immense appreciation.

We would like to express sincerely gratitude to the government of Iceland and UNU for awarding scholarships and give us an opportunity to study here.

Thanks to our all lecturers during the training for sharing their knowledge, thanks to our respective supervisors who are the victims of our professional reports, thanks to all Orkustofnun and ISOR staff for their priceless support and guidance.

Last, but not least, thanks to the amazing UNU-GTP staff, 2017 is a lucky year for you, because you have only 23 troublemakers here ☺.

Thanks UNU-GTP director, dear Ludvik, for treating all of us like your children. Give us geothermal kisses in our reception party, for motivating us with your geothermal smile. Thank you for the vivid descriptions during the trip to the northwest. Thank you for organizing the wonderful party in your home where you already suffered a lot from our heart singing or dancing, unfortunately, you still have to suffer more this evening.

Thanks Ingimar, our deputy director always ready there to help us. We really like your cute daughter Halla, your face really looks like blooming flower when you accompany her.

Thanks Thorhildur, our school manager, for enabling us to come here. Welcoming us at the airport, organizing our accommodation and financial life here in Iceland. I remember when I first arrived in Iceland, you are waiting for me until 11 o'clock pm.

Thanks Markus, our service manager, for sending us countless emails, placing everything to the "p-drive" and preparing the food and drinks for our field trips, driving us to the hospital.

Thanks to the wonder woman, multi-tasking Malfrida, she is our baby sister during the field trip, sacrificed her personal time to give us swimming lessons on the weekend, she is our photographer, report editor, our lecturer about glaciers, even do haircutting for us, she is our cool friend ☺

Anyway, all of you are kind and considerate, created home atmosphere for us. Thank you very much.

Finally, congratulation Iceland for winning the qualification to 2018 FIFA world-cup in Russia, Iceland shock the world again! All the fellows have a team to support, besides geothermal training, there should be soccer training in Iceland too.