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Good morning to all distinguished guests, parents and teachers, and a very big hello to all my fellow friends. First of all, thank you for taking your time out to be here with all of us and attending KO's prize presentation ceremony. I am Francille Ong from Chongfu School.

I actually first joined KO about a year ago and as I look back, I must say that time really flies. Now, I have already completed my six years of education and I am going to move on to my secondary school soon. I must say that these few months spent in KO have been incredibly enjoyable for me with Mr Ong's interesting life lessons and wonderful jokes he always cracks. KO is really not just a tuition centre but it is more like a home, both fun-filled and enriching.

"My heroes are and were my parents. I can't see anyone else as my heroes", a legend-Michael Jordan once said and now I quote. Parents are our guides in this big world we call Earth. They teach us how to live in society, what dangers to watch out for; morals to live by and they are also our examples for the world in front of us. They influence us every day with everything they do, they make us better people and educate us. My parents were with me every step of my way, when I felt stressed, I looked for them. When I was down, I sought comfort from them. When I was happy, I celebrated with them. They have been standing by me and I believe yours have too. Thank you for standing by me!

Next up, I would like to take a moment and ask you a very important question. What are friends? Here is my answer. They're the people who root for you, no matter what. You tell them your deepest, darkest secrets, and instead of heading for the door, they stick around and your bond with them grows stronger. In both KO and in my school, I have really wonderful friends who joke with me, smile with me, cry with me in these 6 meaningful years of my life. So, I will now say a big thank you for being with me!

Now, I must thank the people who have taught me plenty of things from books and also from life stories. The teachers. They change our lives, and are role models for everyone here. In KO, I would like to thank one person who has made the lessons fun and interesting. That is Mr Ong. He tells us jokes and makes the classroom more lively but also knows when to get serious and educate us. He tells us life lessons that we learn from and they make us better people. All teachers mould us into wonderful pieces of art in hope that we will become useful people and give back to the society. "A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart", now I would like to thank all teachers for helping me grow into the person I am today. Thank you!

Now, I would like to end my speech here with an incredibly big thank you to all the people who have changed me. My parents, my friends and my teachers. You guys have played a big part in my life and for that, THANK YOU! I hope you have enjoyed this prize presentation ceremony and my heartiest congratulations to all prize winners.