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Upon May 15th, 1954, in the city of Taipei, Taiwan, China, will gather a group of former students and teachers of Chiao Tung University to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Tangshan College of Engineering, the first founded of the three institutions comprising the University. Originally, the College was founded at Shanhaikwan but moved to Tangshan to permit ready access to the several industries thriving at that location; railway, mining, and cement.

The founding of Tangshan College of Engineering marked one of the important epochs of Chinese history and exhibited the foresight of two groups: the founders and the students who first came to the College. For the first time in the long history of China an institution was founded devoted to the study of the creation of wealth through engineering and the application of science and the scientific method. The students enrolling during the first decade were indeed pioneers for they forsook the Chinese Classics marking the cultured scholar of that time to devote their talents and energies to the creation of wealth for the benefit of mankind. In so doing, they joined their engineering

brothers of the West in searching for ways and means for improving the standard of living of their people and the strengthening of their government.

It is significant that plans are formulated for this celebration but foremost among your reasons is your firm adherence to the belief and knowledge that by your chosen profession you are best dedicating your talents to a continuation of your endeavors. The virility and fortitude you are displaying and have continued to display ever since you entered as students bodes well for the future rebuilding a greater and more illustrious China that your nation may take its proper place among the great nations of the world.

Addressing you as a representative of the teachers who came to you from the West, we salute you all and express some pardonable pride in having served in a small way with your Chinese professors, many of whom we recall with exceeding fondness, to aid the University to attain its ideals. Let us all endeavor to speed the time when the students from the West may come to the East to learn from the University those attributes which it possesses for Surely there lies within your ideals, methods, and performance much that is beneficial to those searching for the truth.

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