Nagoya University Civil and Environmental Engineering International Programs Closing Ceremony, 2025 Spring

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Firstly, it's truly an honor to represent the Graduate School of Engineering at the closing ceremony of NUGLEP program.



Congratulations to all graduates from NUGELP Program.

And I would like to thank all teachers and staff of this program for organizing this ceremony for us.

Actually, when I was a high school student, I decided to take entrance exam to Nagoya university because I wanted to join this international program. So, I am really happy to be here today.

Although I faced many difficulties in NUGELP program, each challenge helped me to grow. Lectures and Discussions in English were so difficult for me, but through them I was able to improve my language and communication skills. I also made friends with students from various countries, which was an invaluable asset for me. Also, the lectures provided me with an opportunity to deeply think about environmental issues and broaden my perspective as a civil engineer.

As the Global Research Internship, I visited a bridge maintenance construction site in Turkey. It was very exciting to see a large-scale construction site overseas. I also learned the importance of communication and understanding different cultures when working abroad.

This April, I will be starting the doctoral course in Nagoya university, and

I hope to use the experiences from the NUGELP Program to become a researcher who is active on the global stage.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the professors and staffs of the NUGELP Program, my supervisor, and the people I met in GRI. I would also like to thank all the friends I have met through NUGELP Program who are now right in front of me. I look forward to seeing you all again in the future, having grown even more.

Congratulations once again to everyone.

Thank you very much.

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Good afternoon, dear faculty members, staff, and my fellow graduates. I am xayira from the Nakamura, Zhang lab.

At the beginning of the speech, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the staff for



organizing this ceremony and providing me with such a valuable opportunity. It is truly an honor to stand here today as a student representative.

Nagoya university gave me a great education but it also raised my expectations for myself it open my eyes to what is possible. On my first day of university, I never imagine that someday I would be standing here giving the speech.

First of all, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my Professor Nakamura Hideki, Professor Miho-Iryo, and Zhang Sensei. Thank you for your trust, your guidance, expertise and encouragement. Your support has provided me with invaluable knowledge and skills that I will carry forward into my future.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all my academic advisors who have guided me during these two years. Your patience with academic research has also influenced me in a subtle way. You have inspired us to think critically, and motivated us to strive for excellence. On behalf of all graduates, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the faculty of the NUGELP Program. This program has added a new dimension to my graduate experience—not only by strengthening our theoretical knowledge but also by making us more aware of the challenges of interdisciplinary collaboration. We were fortunate to

participate in global research internships and cross-cultural activities while sharing our diverse backgrounds. The friendships we have built and the memories we have created will stay with us for a lifetime. To my fellow graduates, I would like to extend my best wishes to each of you. May we take the wisdom and experience we have gained here to the next stage of our lives.

All of us have worked extremely hard to earn our degree, but we are also fortune to be sitting here today with this education. With good fortune comes responsibility including looking beyond your success to help others.

I would also like to take this moment to thank my parents. Your love, encouragement, and sacrifices have made everything possible for me. No words can truly express my gratitude, but I hope to make you proud with everything I do. To all of those who helped me through the path of life, to those gave me opportunities that I never could have imagined, I sincerely thank you.

The kindness and support I have received from my professors, my laboratory, and this university have enriched my experience, and I believe each of us has our own unique stories and lessons.

To the Class of 2025, farewell, and may we move forward with purpose and determination. Congratulations!