



Welcome Chinese Student - WU YUNING

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, dear professors and fellow students.

My name is Wu Yuning. I'm a master's degree student of architecture coming from Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

This is my 4th month in Torino, and I've just celebrated my 24th birthday here. Coming to this country, this city, participating in this double degree program in PoliTo is like the best birthday gift I can ever get.

The days in PoliTo are full of challenges and gains. The daily lessons give me a brand new vision of how architecture, the knowledge of art, science, technology and humanity, is rooted and developed in the Italian culture. Sharing some common views with Chinese architectural education, PoliTo also has its emphasis and features in training architects. The idea of being both pragmatic and innovative brings great influence to me. For instance, while allowing me to design a building with the wildest imaginations, Prof. Carlo Deregibus and Prof. Francesco Tondolo would always stress that construction calculations should be carried out simultaneously. To me, gaining this kind of realistic and scientific sense is a rather precious and meaningful experience.

Here I shall give my gratitude to all the professors, staff, and fellow students who have helped me, guided me, and enlightened me since my first day in this extraordinary university. In my mind, you are what makes PoliTo excellent and special.

The days in Torino are full of fascinations and surprises. Walking down the streets, jogging by the river, climbing up the mountain, I can sense the romance of this city anytime, anywhere. Besides being a pioneer in modern automotive industry, Torino is also rich in its art and culture. The various museums and cultural relics are great attractions to me. I just can't remember how many weekends I've lost myself in gorgeous paintings and sculptures with unspeakable delight. To me, it is, and it will always be an unforgettable year in an unforgettable place.

People always say, life is an adventure. I'm thankful for what I've learnt and experienced in PoliTo and Torino. I will treasure it carefully, and take strength from it on my way to the future. In an ever-changing world full of opportunities and breakthroughs, becoming a Renaissance person has always been my pursuit. It is my conviction that acquiring knowledge from different fields, absorbing inspiration from various aspects of life can enlighten our minds in ways far beyond our imagination. The more we encounter, the more fearless we are, yet the more sincere and humble we become on the odyssey of seeking true wisdom.

Thank you for listening, and I sincerely wish you a harvesting new academic year.