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5-year Junior College Orientation Camp remarks

Good (morning/afternoon), everyone. Welcome to Wenzao University and become the youngest members on campus. Are you happy? Or are you nervous about your new life here? Don't be afraid to speak up.

I am the President of Wenzao. My name is Mei-hua Chen. Although I have been in this school for a long time, I am always excited about learning something new and I hope you will also feel the same.

When you get into Wenzao from Minzu Road, you will see a dark statue in front of Wenyuan. You may wonder who that man was. Actually, Wenzao is taken from the name 羅文藻, who was the first Chinese bishop 主教 in history. Yes, this is a Catholic university in memory of Luo Wen-zao for his faith and love for all people.

The complete name in English is Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages. You will probably ask, "What is "Ursuline?" In fact, our university was founded by the Sisters of the Ursuline Order 吳甦樂修會. It is an organization with a long history. Ursuline education began about 500 years ago. Now there are many Ursuline schools in Europe, in the US, and in many parts of the world. Today Ursuline schools are so well-known for teaching that the word has become the same as quality education. You will be proud of this tradition and value the chance of studying here after you get to know more about it later on.

What exactly is Ursuline education? To make it easier for you to understand, I will use 3 Ls: i.e., Life, Language, and Leadership. The first L is "Life"; it means you will find the goals of your life. You are a part of God's beautiful creation. Therefore, you need to discover more about yourself, respect the life of other people, and love the precious natural world.

And the second L is "Language"; it means you will learn not only English and other foreign languages and cultures but also your own language and culture more deeply. The art of language will help you communicate meaningfully and successfully with other people. Language is your most powerful tool in your study and in your future career.

The last L is Leadership. In Wenzao, leaders are people who help others to become better. Therefore, you will set good examples for your friends and classmates, give them advise and help, and encourage them when they are in trouble. Wenzaorian leadership is built up on humble service for others in teamwork.

As the AI Age is getting close, we face new challenges every day but they are also the best opportunities for us to grow better in our abilities. Robotic machines may take over many of our jobs in the future but they can never replace us. As human beings, we are born with the nature of being critical in thinking and creative in our doings. Therefore, when you study in Wenzao, you are at the advantage of developing your talents by learning broadly from cross-cultural topics, and by gaining inspiration from humanity studies.

Now I have shared with you the secrets of success in Wenzao and it is time for you to experience the 3 Ls: Life, Language and Leadership. I wish you all a great time on campus as a good beginning of your brand new life.