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**Graduating Class of 2026:**

Distinguished President, Esteemed Faculty Members, Honored Families, and the Graduating Class of 2026.

It is a privilege to have my message relayed to you as you celebrate the completion of your studies at Yamanashi Gakuin University, an institution dedicated not only to academic rigor, but also to cultivating individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to society. Your graduation reflects perseverance, intellectual growth, and the steady support of those who guided you along this journey.

You leave this university at a time of profound transformation. Technological innovation is reshaping industries, sustainability challenges demand responsible leadership, and global interdependence requires thoughtful cooperation across cultures and borders. In such an environment, knowledge alone is not enough. What distinguishes effective leaders is the ability to apply knowledge ethically, adapt to change with composure, and act with clarity of purpose.

Yamanashi Gakuin University has emphasized practical learning grounded in integrity. Your education does not remain theoretical; it was designed to prepare you for meaningful contribution. Whatever path you choose, the value of your degree is measured by the impact you make and the connections you build.

There is a Japanese expression that offers guidance as you move forward: 一期一会 (**Ichigo Ichie**); the understanding that each encounter is unique and will never occur again in precisely the same way. As you enter professional life, approach every meeting and responsibility with preparation, humility, and sincerity. The character you demonstrate consistently will shape your future more enduringly than any single achievement.

To the families present today, this milestone is shared with you.

To the Class of 2026, pursue excellence with humility and ambition with responsibility. The opportunity to shape the future now rests with you.

Congratulations, and thank you.

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Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Japan