

- Deputy Chancellor, distinguished guests, colleagues and Graduands..
- It is an honour and a pleasure to present this address.
- And I would firstly congratulate you collectively on your graduation and acknowledge your achievements.
-Not a day goes by when we don't hear in the press aspects of human health. Why?.. Because cotemporary societies view human health and education as paramount.
- It is in this area I am an optimist...let me explain why with a local illustration.
-Historically in this city there was a time when parents were worried to have children travel to school by public transport or to be in confined areas.
- Why?..The very real risk of exposure to what was at that time infectious diseases some of which could be life threatening,
- ...about 4Km from where we are today the son of a shoe maker was born... and he changed that and changed the World.
- Howard Florey and Alexander Fleming are both rightly acknowledged for the discovery of Penicillin.
-but there is more to it than the critically important descriptive biology of Penicillin.. It was Florey's leadership that transferred discovery to a practical reality, to a drug that has probably saved lives amounting to 4 times the entire population of Australia.
- What did he show us? The power of transferring knowledge to utility, to practice or practical outcomes.
- Today we recognise your achievements in graduation and most importantly your ability also to benefit human kind by transferring knowledge to practical outcomes. And when I look at this assembly that is why I am optimistic.
- I am delighted for all of you and wish you well.
- ..Thankyou