Hello everyone, my name is Iris Qi, and today I am going to graduate from Chinese school. This is kind of sad for me because I have been coming here ever since I was very young. Every year I would watch the older kids graduate, and never thought I would one day be here giving this speech. But right now, my classmates and I have grown up and are also going to graduate. When I was younger, I never wanted to come to Chinese school, but now I enjoy coming here. I also never used to think that learning Chinese was something useful, though this place has always been a place where I always feel welcomed and safe. We learned how to read, write, and speak Chinese while also connecting with our very special culture. I’ve created many happy memories here. I’ll always remember the games we played during cultural week, playing mahjong with my classmates, and all of the other good times we’ve had. This will be an experience that I will always look back on fondly. I really have to thank my mom and dad for bringing me to Chinese school every Saturday and who made me feel proud of my heritage. I also have to thank all of the teachers who have taught me because they did a really good job and put in their own time and effort to teach us. They created a very warm and fun environment to learn in as well. I’m also very grateful for Vivian and Andrew because we’ve been together since first grade and have been great friends. And finally, I would like to thank everyone at Chinese school. You guys are super cool. I will always love this place and it will carry a special place in my heart. Thank you everyone!

大家好，我叫齊容容，今年要從中文學校畢業了。我覺得有一點兒難過，因為我從小的時候就來到這兒了。每年我看到那些大哥哥和大姐姐畢業，沒有想到我有一天也會離開這裡。現在，我和我的同學長大了，也要畢業了。我小時候不會想要來中文學校， 但是我現在特別喜歡這個地方。雖然這個地方給我溫暖及安全的感覺，但是我以前從來不認為學中文很重要。我們在這裡學到怎麼讀、寫、說， 也學到了很特別的文化，在這兒也留下了很多美好的回憶。我永遠會記得文化周的遊戲，跟同學們玩麻將，以及所有快樂的時光。我會永遠記得中文學校的一切，我覺得這裡真的幫著我培養自己的文化。特別要感謝我的爸爸和媽媽，每星期六帶我們去中文學校，讓我覺得身為中國人很驕傲。也要感謝所有的中文老師，因為他們把我的中文教好，花這麼多時間教我們，又創造一個有趣的學習環境。也感謝 Vivian 和 Andrew 從一年級到現在，都是我的好朋友。然後我需要說，我們中文學校的人，「你們都特別酷！」我永遠會愛這個地方，因為它在我的心裡，佔了一個很特別的地位。謝謝大家！