

I would like to start with a quote by Viktor E. Frankl.

“Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life; everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that demands fulfillment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated, thus, everyone's task is unique as his specific opportunity to implement it.”

First of all I would like to apologize that I am referring to a quote by a psychologist and not an economist. The point of my speech, however, is of course how the PCP program helped me to consider deeply about our value in society.

Frankl depicts one of the fundamental characteristics of human. The importance of ideals and values. He hints that each of us has a critical role that we must carry out in life. But this task that we all embrace can only be realized individually.

Just like what he says, people wonder about what role they must or want to take in a society. No exception. Students also wonder as well.

According to a research by John Hopkins University, when university students were asked “what’s important” in their life, 16 percent of the students checked making a lot of money.

78 percent said their first goal was "finding a purpose and meaning to my life." We cannot help but to think what purpose we serve in the world.

University years is time for students to recapitulate future goal or think what we should be doing as an adult. It is different from thinking about what to be in younger ages because we become old enough to get an idea of what we can and what we cannot do. Well at least some of us do. For example, in Kindergarten I’m sure all the boys have thought about becoming a super hero someday. But in university we figure out that to have a certain career or profession we must plan and take practical steps. We just don’t wake up one day and have this special power to be someone else. We don’t just wake up one day and be a batman, a lawyer or a prime minister...

But this is also a tragedy in that we also become somewhat timid choosing our path. The fact that not everyone can become what we wish to be, many of us may be starting out with career or study that we may not like. Ultimately it is up to the each individuals to find the meanings in tasks and missions we confront in our life. It doesn’t matter if we

choose it or caught into it. It doesn't change the fact that we have to overcome it. In the long but short course of our life, the happiest way to live might be to be convinced of what Frankl said. That is to believe in the meaning of our life and that we contribute greatly to the society. Without this positive mindset we cannot accomplish anything.

So all of us know that PCP program is not psychology or philosophy course. But why am I to talk about the importance of life value to classmates who are all moving on to different path after university. It's not because I believe that you are all the 16% of students who thinks only about money. I believe that the diversity that this program provides has guided me to realize that each of us takes pride and finds self-value in everything we do. This human nature allows varying individuals to cooperate.

In addition to the excellent level of economics curriculum, another profound characteristic of PCP is the diversity of students. Though it is a program placed in the Economics department, there are students from different major and universities from various countries. In fact, I myself is a student from the department of law and faculty of political science, who has written research papers about soviet communism in the freshman and sophomore years.

In this unique and diverse study environment, which doesn't exist in any other seminar groups in Keio, I studied and worked with strong individuals for 2 years. Of course some were too individual to fit in to the framework of PCP. (Well that's why the number of certificate receiving students doesn't match with the initial number of students who admitted.)

In this two years, we wrote a paper together in FPGE class, debated in International trade class, and did presentations together in Macroeconomics and development economics class. For example I worked with Lilian in development economic class. I worked with Akihisa, Kanna and 5 other classmates in FPGE class.

We all had different fundamental motivation towards PCP. Lilian now is moving on to her masters, and my teammates in the FPGE class are all pursuing a career in different industries. However, we were same in that we were in PCP because we knew that completing this program is the necessary practical step that we must take to realize our goal. A goal that everyone finds their deepest value in.

Because we know that we share this, we are able to respect and work relentlessly to create anything with a top level mentality. Although what we created was not usually an

A plus work...

But the important point here is that we had that training in the university. Before we are all released to the forefront of the complex world. No matter what we all do, we must be able to understand, sympathize and cooperate with people to produce a particular value in society. I'm sure many of the parents here know that we can't usually choose who to work with.

That is why if we lack this ability, we cannot create the highest quality work.

We cannot meet the demand and the expectation.

We cannot find fulfillment from the task or mission that we value.

Well, it's easier said than done. But if we don't realize, we can never do it.

We must be keep thinking. (Just like Professor Kaji had said, if we stop thinking we stop growing.)

The timing to realize may be different for us for we all are taking a different path and the fact that we fundamentally have different personalities.

But as a proud graduate from Professional Career Program and a representative at this stand. I take pride to say that we know how and we can.

Frankl states that a man is able to live and even to die for the sake of his ideals and values.

I would like to add that, this nature also allows us to cooperate and allows us all to flourish.

(In addition, it's not only about man but also woman)

Thank you very much.