

CHAN HOI MAN (4D-1)

Good morning Principal, teachers and fellow schoolmates,

I am Chris Foo, the captain of the school football team. First of all, I am very honoured to be invited to express my appreciation for receiving the 'Best Athlete Award'. Throughout these few years, I have been through a lot of difficulties and being held back many times. Luckily, I have many guardian angels around me to help me on my journey to today's success. So, I would like to give thanks to the three people who have contributed the most to me winning the 'Best Athlete Award'.

The first person I want to say thank you to is my mum, who contributes the most to my success. I remember my addiction for football started at the age of five when my mum signed me up for the football team. Staring from that day, I fell in love with football, which brought me indescribable excitement and satisfaction. Not only did my mum drive me to the field every Tuesday and Thursday without fail, but she also bought me everything I ever needed. She bought me all the equipment and proper outfits for practicing, down to satisfying all my demand for having better and latest football boots. She is the one who supported me to achieve my goals in football financially and emotionally. She watched every match that I played and drove my teammates and myself to McDonalds after every competition and paid for all of our meals. She is the 'engineer' and 'fuel' when I am driving on this path to success.

The second person I want to give thanks to is the coach of our football team, Mr. Smith. He is probably the most serious and intimidating guy that I have ever met. However, he is the flashlight of the team since he makes every individual cooperate with each other and let us realize the importance of team spirit. He trains us, shouts at us, punishes us but at the same time encourages us and have fun with us. His contribution to the football team is priceless so it is impossible to tell you everything he has done for us and the team. All I want to say is that he is the leader and core of the football team. And it would have been impossible for us to win the State champion without him. When I was walking towards the field feeling nervous at the day of state final, Mr. Smith stopped me and said, "Don't be bothered by the opponents or the audience, focus on your teammates and imagine you are playing the last game with all your bros. Get rid of the nervousness and feel the excitement of the game!" Actually, his words still encourage me to this day and gets me emotionally ready for each game.

Lastly, I would like to show my gratefulness to my best friend Peter. Having known each other since we were three, Peter and I are still in the same amazing football team now. We are described as the 'Magic Twins', as we cooperate so perfectly and we work so well together on the field. 'One passes the ball and one scores'. Besides, he stays behind and keeps practicing with me after training. With him being my companion encourages me to take up the post of Captain to lead the team. I am ever so thankful to have such a good teammate and friend.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to the teachers who nominated me for the 'Best Athlete Award'. I am very grateful and pleased as this award really gives me motivation to

continue my journey. I hope you will all understand that my accomplishment does not come without shedding blood, sweat and tears. Even with the help from the others, you should always work hard to achieve success. I hope that you can find your path towards success in the future. Thank you!