Good Morning everyone, respected Chief Guest Dr. Shashi Tharoorji, Minister of State for Human Resource and Development, Government of India, my colleagues on the Board, Principal, Old Dalians, dear students, parents, staff, Ladies and Gentlemen. It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our Chief Guest, who has been an example, whether it has been in his earlier capacities as a diplomat or in his present one, holding one of the most important portfolios of the Central Ministry. We are indeed very grateful to you Sir, for having agreed to be the Chief Guest on our School’s 131st Annual Day. In spite of all the political commitments you have, your gracious presence is indeed very dear to us, and I am sure the precious time that you will spend with us will show you some of the excellent progress that this institution has made in the last 12 months.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our Chief Guest has an all round personality and a number of achievements as an elected Member of Parliament, Minister of different portfolios, Under Secretary General of the United Nations, prize winning author of 13 books.

For Daly College to maintain itself as an example of Leadership in terms of growing talent in academics, culture, sports and keeping values and traditions continuous with new vision. I must appreciate the efforts made by the Principal, the staff, the students, who have brought DC to such standards. I would be failing in my duties if I do not convey my gratitude to Old Dalians and present parents who have helped the school in the physical growth. It is with your help Ladies and Gentlemen, that the DC campus looks the most beautiful of all campuses amongst other schools. Once again I thank and welcome our Chief Guest and all of you present this morning.

Thank You.