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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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When in 2014 SMU unveiled its Vision 2025, no one foresaw that two years of this journey would be marked by an existential crisis for humanity. There were dark days for everyone during the peak of the pandemic, but I am grateful to and proud of the SMU community for its resilience.

With the world learning to live with COVID-19 as endemic, the last year has been one in which SMU has been able to resume many of the activities that enrich our students' transformative education. They were able to attend many more events on campus and to travel overseas for internships, exchanges and community service projects.

Faculty too were able to attend conferences and meet with academic partners, business contacts and research collaborators in person. Staff have adopted hybrid working arrangements, boosting face-to-face teamwork whilst allowing them to enjoy greater work-life balance.

I sense a mood of renewed optimism and positivity on campus and, as we draw closer to 2025, I see my colleagues approach the remaining challenges to realising our Vision with greater vigour and commitment than ever before. Thank you, everyone, for your tireless dedication and commitment as One SMU.