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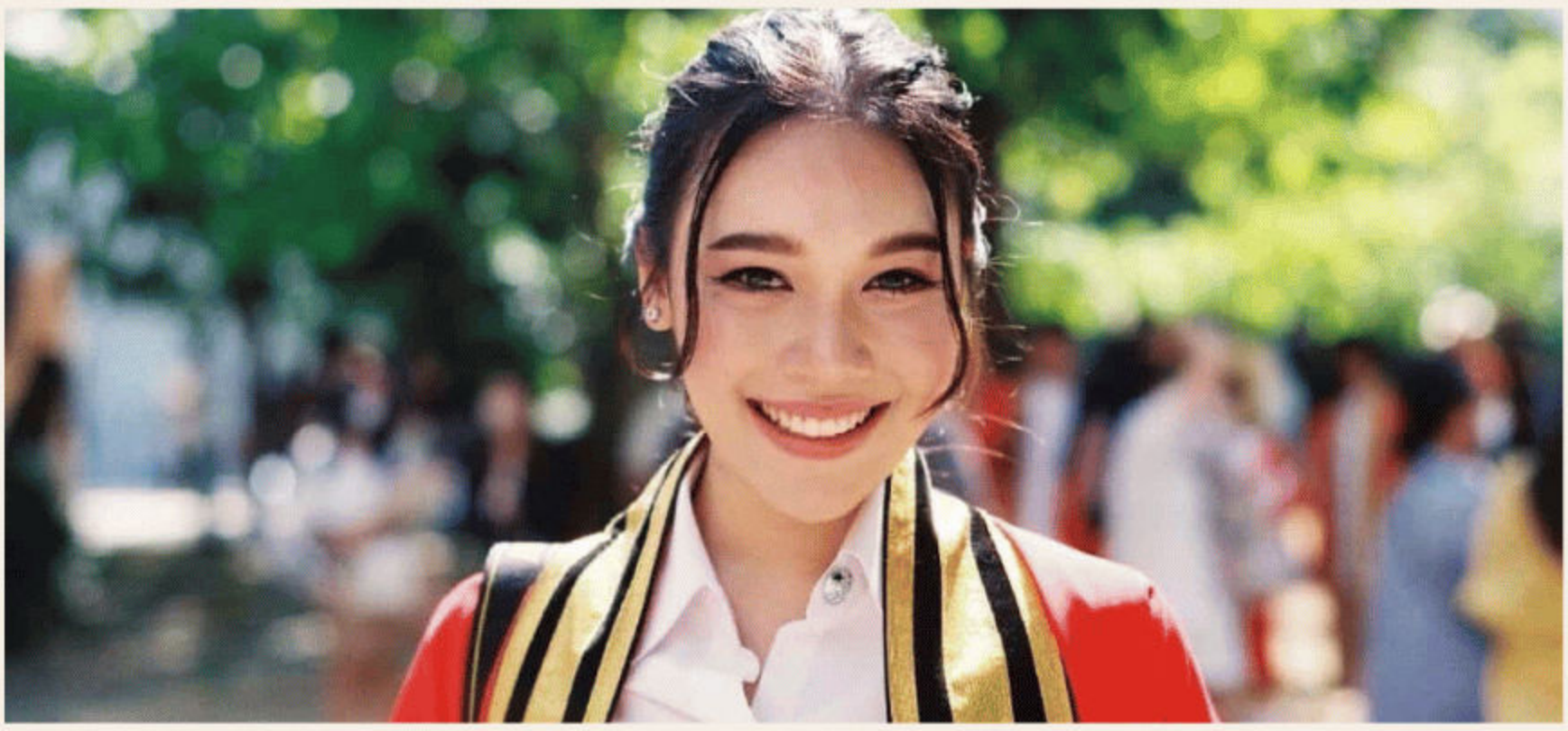

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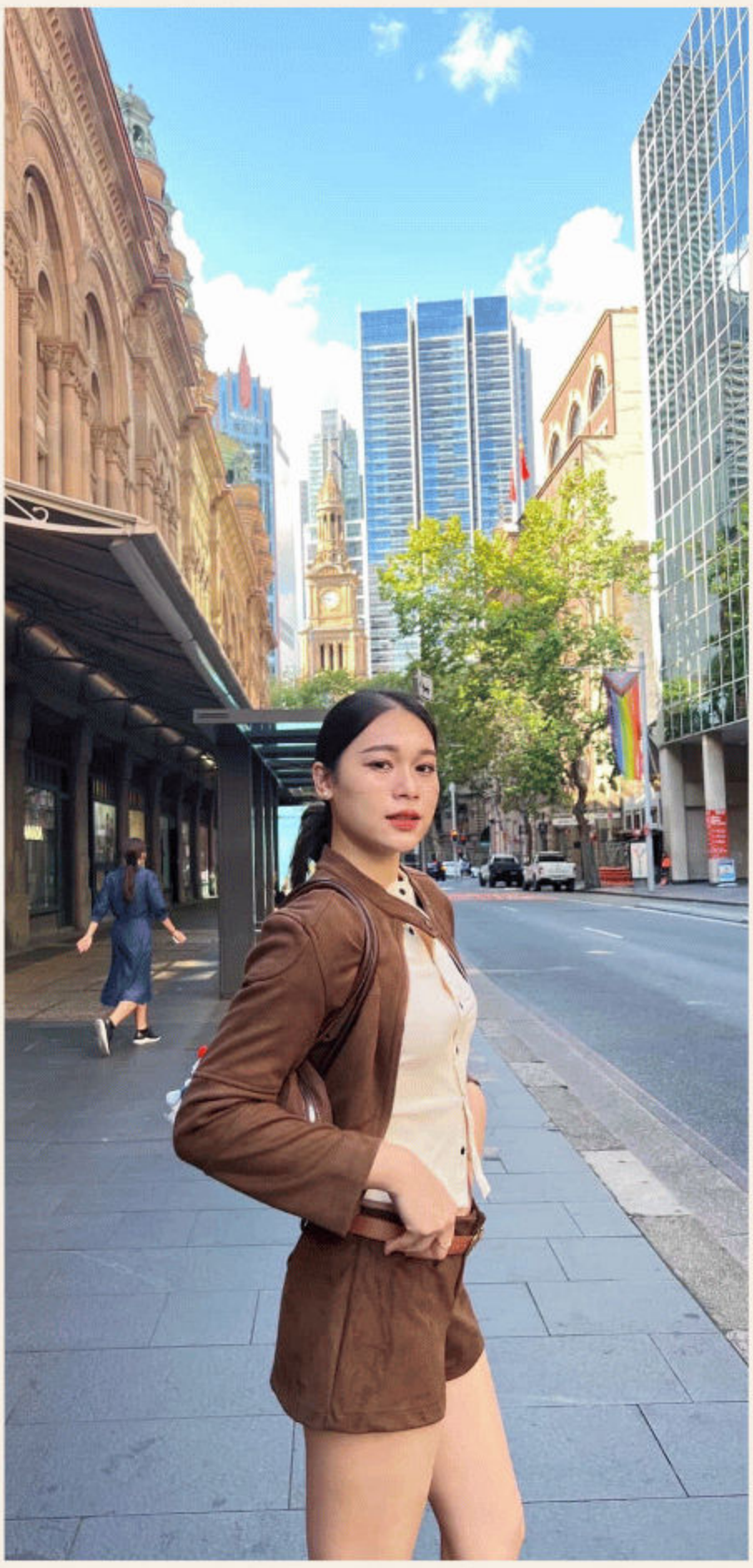
Wannadee Treeratanapun: From Student to China Airlines Cabin Crew



Success can take many forms. For some, it means building a business from the ground up; for others, it means pursuing a career that connects people and cultures around the world. For **Wannadee Treeratanapun**, or "Opal", from the ITBL 05 generation, success has come through both paths. Today, she works as a cabin crew member for China Airlines while also managing investments in gold, silver, and rose gold trading. Her journey reflects a willingness to embrace opportunities, adapt to different environments, and continuously challenge herself beyond familiar boundaries.

Looking back on her time at the International College, Wannadee believes the experiences she gained extended far beyond the classroom. The knowledge, teamwork, and mindset developed during her studies continue to influence both her professional and entrepreneurial pursuits today. For Wannadee, some of the most valuable lessons from university were not limited to theories or textbooks, but rather the practical experiences that encouraged students to think like business professionals and work collaboratively toward common goals.

"I remember that when I was studying, there were courses that taught us how to choose business locations, find business partners, analyze competitors' strategies, and promote or advertise in ways that attract customers and help them clearly understand what we want to present.

"As for being a flight attendant, English—which is a language used worldwide—does not play as significant a role as the ability to handle situations and work effectively with others. Personally, I think that group work during my studies helped a great deal, and simulating the establishment of a company in class was also extremely beneficial. It allowed us to see things from multiple perspectives: our own, our colleagues', and our customers'. This helped us identify weaknesses and strengths, understand what should be improved, and recognize what should be emphasized to achieve the best results in real working life."

Her reflections demonstrate that effective communication and teamwork often become just as important as technical knowledge, particularly in careers where service, collaboration, and problem-solving are everyday responsibilities. Working in the aviation industry has also strengthened Wannadee's appreciation for diversity. Every flight brings together people from different backgrounds, personalities, and working styles, making adaptability and emotional intelligence essential skills for success.

"People around us come in many different types, but that is not really a difficult issue in working life for me. Personally, I train myself to observe and pay attention to the people I have to work with, their attitudes and behaviors. I believe my ability to read people has developed a great deal over time.

"Currently, I work as a member of a cabin crew, not yet as a flight leader. What I can do is observe and assess what kind of personality each colleague has, whether they need assistance, or whether they prefer to focus only on their own tasks. In team-based work, some people do not want others to interfere with their responsibilities, and they may also not like helping with tasks outside their own scope.

"That said, working on a multicultural team also teaches me how to be a good supporter. Simply by observing the behavior of team members and what kind of support they need, I can adjust myself to play a required role. In doing so, I can help the team work together successfully."

Rather than viewing cultural differences as challenges, Wannadee sees them as opportunities to better understand others and contribute more effectively to team success. When reflecting on the lessons that best prepared her for the professional world, Wannadee highlights three areas that continue to shape her approach to work and business.

"It helps to understand where we stand within an organization, the market, and the industry—whether as an entrepreneur or an employee. Even though these roles involve different responsibilities and income levels, they allow us to share the same perspective on what we can do to make the organization the best it can be. The knowledge I gained from each course helped me to better understand each step in the working process.

"Even though there are individual tasks that must be completed independently, their success is essential for the team to ultimately achieve its goals. Many courses taught us not to fear potential risks because we have been equipped with the knowledge to handle them effectively."

Together, these lessons have helped her approach challenges with confidence, whether in the cabin, in business, or in personal investment decisions. Wannadee remembers her student experience with great fondness. More importantly, she believes that the knowledge gained during that time continues to serve as a foundation for both life and career.

"Studying was a lot of fun. Each course could truly be used as a foundation for life and for working in the real world. Looking back, I would still choose to study in this faculty at this institution all over again."

Her message serves as a reminder that higher education is not only about earning a degree, but also about developing perspectives, experiences, and skills that continue to create value long after graduation. As the International College celebrates its 12th anniversary, Wannadee also shared a brief but heartfelt message for the institution that played a role in shaping her journey.

ITBL will definitely continue to grow a lot in the future. ❤️