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Chinese New Year celebration
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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Mengadap ke bawah Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Raja Muda Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, merangkap Tuanku Canselor UniMAP dan Raja Puan Muda Perlis Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Tuanku Hajjah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah, merangkap Pro-Canselor UniMAP.

Ampun Tuanku, Sembah Patik Mohon Diampun,

Degala hormat dan takzimnya, patik memohon ampun merafak sembah menjunjung setinggi-tinggi kasih di atas perkenan Duli-duli Tuanku bercemar Duli berangkat ke **Majlis Sambutan Tahun Baru Cina 2012**. Perkenan Duli-duli Tuanku bercemar Duli berangkat ke majlis ini membawakan seribu pengertian bukan sahaja kepada patik dan warga pengurusan UniMAP, malah juga kepada semua pelajar yang ada di dewan ini.

Ampun Tuanku, patik memohon izin dan limpah perkenan Tuanku untuk patik memberi sepatah dua kata kepada para hadirin dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullah, and a very Good Morning

Yang Berbahagia Prof. Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, Deputy Vice
Chancellor (Academic and International),

Yang Berbahagia Prof. Dr. Ismail Daut, Deputy Vice Chancellor
(Research and Innovation),

Yang Berbahagia, Associate Prof. Dr. Syaharom Abdullah, Dean
of Centre for International Affairs,

Senior Officers, Deans, Heads of Department,

Media Representatives, students of UniMAP,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me begin by extending a warm welcome to all of you. It is a
great pleasure for me to welcome all UniMAP international
students and staff to this Chinese New Year celebration.

We have over 300 international students, researchers, professors
and staff who contribute to the multi-cultural learning
environment on our campus involving students coming from all
over Asia, the Middle East and other parts of the world.

UniMAP sponsors events such as international food and cultural festival celebrating the global diversity on campus. Recently the international students were given the opportunity to interact with the farming community in Perlis through the homestay programme. It involved international students at UniMAP and international students from other universities in Malaysia. The homestay programme is to give the participants the chance to live with a Malay family for a couple of days so that they will understand deeper the Malay culture and way of life.

As we all are aware on Sunday the Chinese community all over the world will be celebrating Chinese New Year. This year is the Year of the Dragon which symbolizes strength and prosperity. I hope all the international students will strive hard to strengthen your knowledge and relationship while pursuing your studies at UniMAP, improve your grades and be a holistic student, a pride to your country, your family and UniMAP. Learn as much as you can and avoid problems and trouble while you are at UniMAP. We are always here to help you.

Tonight's celebration is another one of UniMAP's effort to show our appreciation to the international group especially to those Chinese students celebrating the Chinese New Year and living far away from home.

Please enjoy the food and the entertainment we are going to provide you all tonight at Dewan Kapitol as the re-union of the family members of one big happy family at UniMAP.

Finally, I am truly thankful for your presence because it opens our eyes to the fact that regardless of beliefs and traditions, our hearts beat as one as we pursue our goal of spreading peace, unity and understanding.

To all the international students and staff from China, Xian Nin Kuai Le (Happy New Year).

To all the international students and staff from other countries, have a happy festive holiday.

Ampun Tuanku, sekian sahaja ucapan patik. Patik ingin merafak sembah, menjunjung kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada Duli Tuanku berdua di atas perkenan berangkat ke majlis ini. Kehadiran Duli Tuanku berdua begitu besar ertinya buat patik sekalian. Patik sudahi dengan Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.