

TEKS UCAPAN  
LT. KOL. PROF. DATO' DR. KAMARUDIN HUSSIN  
REKTOR KUKUM  
BERSEMPENA DENGAN  
CULTURAL AWARENESS EXPEDITION TO MALAYSIA  
PADA 20 APRIL 2006 BERTEMPAT DI PUTRA PALACE, KANGAR PERLIS.

Bismillahir-rahmanir-rahim

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh dan salam sejahtera.

Mengadap Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Ibni Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, Tuanku Canselor KUKUM dan Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah, Raja Puan Muda Perlis.

**Ampun Tuanku, sembah patik mohon diampun,**

Patik dan seluruh warga Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan Utara Malaysia merafak sembah, menjunjung kasih yang tidak terhingga, atas perkenan duli tuanku berdua mencemar duli berangkat ke **majlis pelancaran "Cultural Awareness Expedition To Malaysia"** pada hari ini. Sesungguhnya kehadiran Duli Tuanku berdua umpama:

Sirih di tepak, dipetik belum,  
Pinang di tampuk, dikait jangan,  
Ibarat bunga, cantik sekuntum,  
Walau sekuntum, wangi setaman.

**Ampun tuanku,**

Izinkan patik menyampaikan ucapan kepada barisan tetamu yang dimuliakan dan kakitangan yang diraikan di dalam bahasa Inggeris.

The honourable Prof. Dr. Ali Yeon Md. Shakaff, KUKUM's Deputy Rector (Academic and Internationalization),

The honourable Prof. Madya Dr. Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, KUKUM's Deputy Rector (Research and Inovations),

Most Respected Guest

KUKUM's deans of school of engineering, and head of departments,

Our distinguished guest, a group of ICS students from Zurich, Switzerland.

Most respected members of the press, and to all KUKUM's staff.

First and foremost, grateful to Allah, praise to him, the most gracious and merciful for His blessings in giving us this memorable moment in conjunction with **Cultural Awareness Expedition To Malaysia** program.

On behalf of Kolej Universiti Kejuruteraan Utara Malaysia, I would like to extend our warm welcome or 'selamat datang' to our distinguished guest, ICS delegations from Zurich, Switzerland to this program.

I would also like to extend my sincere congratulation to the organising comittee of this event for their superb organisation in making this special event a successful one.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

The "Cultural Awareness Expedition to Malaysia" program was inspired by His Royal Highness Region of Perlis, the Chancellor of KUKUM, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail and Her Royal Highness Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah. This

program which is fully hosted by KUKUM involves several states of Malaysia such as Perlis, Pulau Pinang (Penang), Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

Allow me to briefly introduce KUKUM to our foreign guests.

Having known as the smallest state of Malaysia, Perlis measures approximately 759sq km, and has population of 200 000, comprising mainly of Malays, Chinese, Indians and Thais. However, this is changing very fast with the arrival of KUKUM and other higher learning institutions, which brings about a new focus in the education industry.

KUKUM the 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest public university in Malaysia is established as a public institution of higher learning on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2001. KUKUM now has a workforce of approximately 730 people comprising academic and non-academic staff and 2000 students. KUKUM's aim is to produce engineers with sound technical skills to support the Malaysian national industrial plan.

KUKUM practices 'distributed campus' concept, hence it is virtually everywhere in Perlis. The main campus is situated in Kubang Gajah, Perlis, where laboratories and lecture theatres are located. There are also teaching facilities placed at Kuala Perlis but most of its administrative offices are in Jejawi and Kangar. Students stay either at a nearby residential areas of Bintong, Kampung Wai or Taman Semarak, Kuala Perlis. Transportation between these sites is provided via a university bus system.

In a few years' time, KUKUM's permanent campus will be at two specific locations, namely Ulu Pauh and Sungai Chuchuh, Perlis. It is envisioned that the permanent campus will be established as 'nature campus' ('kampus alam') which takes into

consideration the many aspects that ensure healthy and conducive environment for students, staff and the community at large to live, work, and interact with one another.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is a hope that, through this program, our foreign guests will experience and expose themselves to our unique culture from different perspectives; economics, social aspects of life, and also languages. Therefore, in conjunction with this expedition, KUKUM as the host, has planned varieties of interesting programs for our respected guests. These include activities such as treasure hunt, foster parents, KUKUM Art and Cultural Nights and not to forget the social activities at Rumah Sri Kenangan and Yayasan Saad. Other than that, our respected guest will also be given opportunity to visit many interesting places in Malaysia. By visiting those wonderful places, they can in fact, explore the richness and marvelous history of our country, Malaysia.

Finally, I hope our relationships will continue to grow stronger as I firmly believe that there are many things about Malaysia waiting to be explored and discovered by our respected guests. It is my sincere hope that, this meeting will not end here. And if God is willing may be KUKUM will have a special visit to Zurich, Switzerland in the future. With that , Thank You.

Ampun Tuanku,

Sekian sahaja ucapan patik. Akhir kata, patik sekali lagi mewakili seluruh warga KUKUM ingin merafak sembah, menjunjung kasih yang tidak terhingga kepada ke bawah Duli Tuanku kerana kesudian ke bawah Duli Tuanku mencemar Duli berangkat ke majlis pada malam ini. Harapan patik kepada semua warga KUKUM

ambillah iktibar dari titah ucapan Tuanku dan jadikan ianya sempadan buat kita semua dalam menjalankan tugas dalam usaha mencapai visi dan misi kita. Patik dengan rasa rendah diri menjemput ke bawah Duli Tuanku untuk menyampaikan titah ucapan, ampun Tuanku.