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DURING YEMENIS WELCOMING DINNER
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Senior Officers of UniMAP, UniMAP's deans of engineering schools, heads of departments, UniMAP's Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullah Hiwabarukatuh and a Very Good Evening. Masa' Hunhair.

Ahlan Wasahlan Wa Marhabanbikum or Selamat Datang to all delegations from Yemen.

Allow me to begin my speech by expressing my greatest appreciation and a heartfelt thanks to the Yemen Delegations for their time and effort in visiting UniMAP.

I am indeed very happy to have all of you here, and I hope both – UniMAP and Yemen delegations would be able to sustain this good relationship among us.

I do hope through out this welcoming dinner, all of you will enjoy the bewildering tastes, sights and sounds that we have organized and please embrace the warmth and friendliness of the Malaysian people in your heart.

Don't forget to take the opportunity to explore this state as for now Malaysia is celebrating "Musim Buah" or Fruit Season where a lot of local fruits including king of fruits – durian, rambutan and also mangosteen is sold everywhere at a very cheap price.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased that after seven years of our establishment, UniMAP has successfully conducted various programs, and has received strong support and co-operation from members of the industry, be it giant multinational companies, or small and medium business entities. Similar support has also been shown by our counterparts and peers from the academic world.

Despite being young, Research and Development in UniMAP has been progressive, thanks to the fusion and clustering of researchers. The guidance and ideas of the experienced, coupled with the aggressiveness and creativity of the young researchers has been an effective recipe. This has resulted in UniMAP's success in various research exhibitions and expositions, be it locally and internationally.

I am honored to share that after has gained an impressive position at the WEBOMETRIC UNIVERSITY RANKING. For the

Universities in South East Asia, UniMAP is now at no 14 not to far behind from two more established university where University Sains Malaysia or USM which are also APEX University is at no 12 and University Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) at no 10.

And for the world ranking, UniMAP is now standing at no 745 where USM is at no 664 and UTM is at no 587.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In terms of International relationships, I am glad to announce that until now we have sign almost 60's MoU with various companies and institutions from 21 country such as Thailand, Indonesia, Greece, Yemen, Sudan, Slovenia, Jordan, Finland, India, Norway, China and the latest one with Mauritius and Dubai last two weeks.

This agreement is basically in the field of student's exchange, expertise and also post graduate programme. To date, more than 40 students from 8 universities from 5 countries had come to UniMAP for the Student exchange programme since 2006 until now.

We were also sending almost 40 of UniMAP's students to 7 countries for the same programme. Besides the student

exchange programme, we also glad to announce that for this 2009/2010 student Intake, UniMAP has received 72 international students where 39 of them are from Yemen to further their studies in various degree programme.

And for the post graduate programme, there were a total of 53 students which 30 of them are PhD students.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before I end, I would like to thank the organizing committee of this event for their superb drive in making this dinner a success.

For our special guest, The Yemenis Delegates, I sincerely hoped that all of us would gain benefits and his blessings in our join efforts towards elevating the educations of our nations.

Please enjoy your stay and most of all do enjoy the meal and the performance that we have prepared tonight. With that, ladies and gentlemen, let us enjoy our dinner.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi taala wabarakatuh and blessings to all of you.