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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh Dan Salam Satu Malaysia;

*Mengadap Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra  
Ibni Tuaku Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, Raja Muda Perlis dan juga  
Tuanku Canselor UniMAP serta Duli Yang Teramat Mulia Tuanku*

*Hajjah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil, Raja Puan Muda Perlis merangkap Pro-Canselor UniMAP.*

*Ampun Tuanku, Sembah Patik Mohon Diampun,*

*Terlebih dahulu patik bagi seluruh warga Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) merafak sembah, menjunjung kasih yang tidak terhingga, atas perkenan Duli Tuanku berdua bercemar duli berangkat ke Majlis Syarahan Akademik Antarabangsa UniMAP pada pagi ini.*

*Sesungguhnya kehadiran Duli Tuanku pada pagi ini amat besar ertinya buat kami semua di university ini.*

*Ampun Tuanku,*

*Izini patik untuk menyampaikan ucapan kepada semua barisann tetamu yang hadir dalam Bahasa Inggeris;*

His Excellency Mr. Frank Hans Dannenberg, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Dominican Republic to India

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

Senior Officers of UniMAP; Our Distinguished Guests;

Deans, Head of Departments; Media Representatives;

UniMAP's Staff and students,

Ladies and gentleman;

Alhamdulillah, I am very thankful to the Almighty Allah swt for giving us this opportunity to be together in today's International Academic lecture series by a speaker who was specially flown in from India. **(Selamat datang – bienvenido)**

It is my great pleasure to warmly welcome our respected speaker, His Excellency Mr. Frank Hans Dannenberg Castellanos, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Let us give a round of applause to our distinguished speaker. I feel highly delighted and deeply honored by your presence here today.

H.E. Mr. Frank Hans Dannenberg Castellanos, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Dominican Republic to India, Concurrent and Non-Resident to Malaysia. He has broad and vast experiences in the diplomatic post including serving as Assistant of Organization in the Official Visit of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic to South Africa, Botswana and Austria. He has also been appointed as Deputy Minister of Tourism, Presidential Appointee and as the Director of the Houston Office for the West Coast of the United States. Prior to the current position,

H.E. Mr Frank Hans Dannenberg has served in several departments including in Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (Funglode) Santo Domingo, D.R and also was a Special Consultant for International Marketing at the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism Santa Domingo, D.R from 2000 to 2006.

Ladies and gentleman,

And today, we are honored and looking forward to hearing Dr. Cathy Symington to address a topic entitled “Dominican Republic : People, Culture and Business Opportunities”.

I believe the topic is important and relevant to UniMAP’s initiative towards creating a lively environment for sustainable development of societies and economies. The aim of sustainable development is to maintain local culture, generating business opportunities for communities while preserving the environment for future generations. It is an effort in improving the effectiveness of energy usage, sustaining natural resources and increasing the quality of environment. As an educational institution, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) plays important roles, not only in educating students, but also inculcating community awareness on the importance of culture and values to the communities. Besides, this lecture could be another good effort in inculcating the understanding, awareness, and responsiveness about the

Dominican people, culture and also the business opportunities among students and staff of Universiti Malaysia Perlis.

Ladies and Gentleman,

Through this academic lecture, it is an opportunity to all staff and students to enhance their knowledge and experience and also as a platform for all of us in sharing knowledge and expertise with our distinguished speaker. I really hope that this lecture will bring noble ideas and vast knowledge for all of us in sustaining the university and national education agenda.

I also hope that our staff and students would take this opportunity to work together with His Excellency Mr. Frank Hans Dannenberg and may all of us gain the best benefit from this networking. I am sure that we all will be benefited greatly by paying thoughtful attention to the lecture to be delivered in a few minutes from now. I sincerely wish that today's lecture will provide some food-for-thought for all different camps of opinion.

And last but not least, I would like to express my gratitude to the organizing committee, Sustainable Development Unit in collaboration with the Centre for International Affairs for their commitment in making this event a success. May Allah bless and reward you for this.

I am also confident that more academic lectures by dedicated speakers both nationally and Internationally will be organized in the future to provide the necessary thrust in strengthening and enhancing academic excellence in UniMAP.

*Ampun Tuanku,*

*Sekian sahaja ucapan patik, Akhir kata, patik sekali lagi mewakili anggota Jawatankuasa Penganjuran dan seluruh warga UniMAP ingin merakap sembah, menjunjung kasih yang tidak terhingga ke bawah Duli Tuanku berdua kerana sudi bercemar ke Siri Syarahan Akademik Antarabangsa 2013 ini.*

Thank you very much, **gracias** and Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.