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Theme: "Integrated Engineering and Hybrid Technologies"

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Salam 1 Malaysia.

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

Yang Berbahagia, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid Adom, UniMAP's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation),

Yang Berbahagia, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Fo'ad Sakdan, UniMAP's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni),

Yang Berbahagia, Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusoff Mashor, Dean of Centre for Graduate Studies,

Yang Berbahagia, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd Rizal Arshad, our Invited Speaker today,

Distinguished Participants of IPCEM 2014,

Distinguished Guests, Senior Officers of Universiti Malaysia Perlis,

Deans and Head of Departments of Universiti Malaysia Perlis,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Alhamdulillah, Thanks to Almighty Allah S.W.T for giving us the opportunity to gather here this morning, for the 4th International Postgraduate Conference on Engineering and Management (IPCEM 2014).

On behalf of the organizing committee and Universiti Malaysia Perlis, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to participants of IPCEM 2014. I believe IPCEM 2014 will provide a great opportunity and platform for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among postgraduates. Even better if IPCEM 2014 can resemble an outreach programme to promote collaboration among local and international institutions of higher learning as an avenue for the mutual exchange of knowledge and expertise towards improving the engineering and management disciplines.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In line with the theme of this conference "*Integrated Engineering and Hybrid Technologies*", the interaction and networking among peers with their varied disciplines is important in chalking up new milestones in the pursuit of new knowledge and technological advancement.

The government of Malaysia has been supportive in providing R&D grants for the advancement of knowledge and innovative products among universities. UniMAP has been proactive in taking this challenge as a benchmark to create our success story and to be an excellent institution in research, publication and education. Thus, the importance of research among postgraduate students cannot be underestimated as it is an important driver in enhancing the creation and dissemination of new knowledge.

Students should not be just complacent with their first degree. They should be equipped with new and advance knowledge and skills to meet the future requirements in education and research and management and other professions.

Consider yourselves very lucky to be given the opportunity to be able to continue your studies in the institutions of higher learning and please make the most of it by pursuing postgraduate education for your career advancement.

Thus, I am confident that IPCEM 2014 is a good forum among participants which will generate interesting and innovative ideas for a better future in postgraduate education.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the organizers, the Postgraduate Club of UniMAP and the Centre for Graduate Studies UniMAP who have worked very hard for the last few months to make this conference a success. Thank you also to all presenters and participants for your contributions.

I really hope that you will have an interesting and memorable experience during your two day participation in IPCEM 2014. And I sincerely hope all the presentations from keynote speakers and presenters during the conference will come in useful as added value to your current knowledge. I am confident that all participants after the conference will be equipped with a wealth of knowledge as a motivational drive to chart the future pathway of higher education for a sustainable tomorrow.

By the grace of Allah and Bismillahirrahmanirrahim, I hereby officiate the opening of the 4th International Postgraduate Conference on Engineering and Management.

Thank you.

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.