

**TEKS UCAPAN DYMM TUANKU SYED FAIZUDDIN PUTRA IBNI TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN JAMALULLAIL, BERSEMPENA DENGAN MAJLIS PELANCARAN CULTURAL AWARENESS EXPEDITION TO MALAYSIA PADA 20 APRIL 2006 BERTEMPAT DI PUTRA PALACE, KANGAR PERLIS**

Bismillah hirrahman nirrahim,  
In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.  
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh and good evening.

Praise be to God,  
Peace and blessing be upon the Prophet, His Kith and Kin.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First and foremost, grateful be to God, the most gracious and merciful for His blessing in giving us the opportunity for the “Opening Ceremony of Cultural Awareness Expedition to Malaysia”.

I particularly cherish this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the honorable Lt. Kol. Professor Dato’ Dr. Kamaruddin Hussin; the Rector of KUKUM on assuming his task as the advisor of this memorable reception. I am very delighted to have the ISC delegation as our honorable guests tonight.

Let me also further convey my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all the committee members for your full commitment in organizing this “Cultural Awareness Expedition to Malaysia”.

Distinguished Delegates,

It gives me a great pleasure to welcome all of you to Malaysia particularly to Perlis as well as to KUKUM. I hope you will have a splendid time at this reception.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

**Discovering Malaysian Culture and Heritage**

Malaysia is a land of many cultures, wonders and attractions. It's a bubbling, bustling melting pot of races and religions where Malays, Indians, Chinese and many other people live together in peace and harmony. In Sabah and Sarawak, there are myriad of indigenous ethnic groups with their own unique culture and heritage. Although Malaysia is multicultural country, there is no specific ethnic who dominates the society. In fact, they live together in peace and free to practice any religions and culture without being prejudice and ethnocentrism. Blessed with natural wonder galore, its towering skyscrapers look down upon primitive long houses and best beaches; Malaysia is acknowledged as "Truly Asia" in the eyes of westerners.

### **Experience that is Enriching to the Students**

Malaysia is truly the ultimate incentive trip destination. With such unique heritage, there is a constant procession of delightful festivals, celebrations and feasts for all to enjoy. There are wide variety of age-old songs, dances and rituals performed in colorful cultural presentations waiting to be experienced. You may immerse yourself in Malacca's rich history or watching a *wayang kulit* - a traditional shadow puppet show. I hope all the ICS students will be captivated with Truly Malaysia. With the awaiting experiences to be explored, I hope all the ICS students will get to know Malaysia and its culture closely through this expedition.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

### **Western and Eastern Ties**

With this expedition, I believe all those who are involved will gain a plenty of unforgettable experiences and memories, something which is unattainable than reading. The array of activities that has been laid out for the students would not only strengthened their ties with the local folk but also leaves the students with a imprint at how warm and hospitality Malaysians are. Apart from that the short time spent with the foster families will strength the west and east ties.

Before I end my speech tonight, I would like to express my sincere gratitude again to all organizing committee and respected guess for your full commitment in making this reception a successful one.

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi taala wabarakatuh.