## **SPEECH BY**

## BRIG. GEN. DATO' PROF DR. KAMARUDIN HUSSIN VICE CHANCELOR UniMAP DURING THE PROFESSORIAL TALK BY PROFESSOR DR. ALI YEON BIN MD SHAKAFF ON 22ND OF FEBRUARY 2011, KAPITOL HALL.

Thank You Mr. Chairman.

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim Assalammualaikum and salam 1 Malaysia. Wan Shang Hao, Maalai Vanakam, Ma Sa Al Khair, Ra Thri Sawat and a very pleasant morning to all of you.

My respected colleague Prof. Dr. Ismail Daut, UniMAP's Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Inovation),

Y.Bhg. Professor Dr. Ali Yean bin Md Shakaff, our Speaker today and also former Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic and International UniMAP, who was with me to develop this university since 2002.

Senior Officers of UniMAP, Deans, head of departments, representative from Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Perlis, (JPNs), Politeknik Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin (PTSS), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Institut Latihan Perindustrian (ILP) and also UniMAP staff and students, Members of the Media, and Ladies and Gentlemen.

Alhamdulillah, first and foremost, I am most grateful to Allah, the most gracious and most merciful, for His blessings in giving us the opportunity gather here at the Professorial Talk series by Prof. Dr Ali Yeaon bin Md Shakaff. Let us give a round of applause to our distinguished speaker.

I feel highly delighted and deeply honored by Prof. Ali presence here today. This is our **7<sup>th</sup> Professorial Talk since this** mementoes event initiated in 2006.

Ladies and Gentleman,

It is also my pleasure to inform the entire guest here that Professorial Talk is a crucial and compulsory for every academician that has been conferred Professorship in UniMAP.

I hope that this will also provide a strong platform to share the knowledge, skills and experiences in their field of expertise. I also hope that all the staff and students of UniMAP would embrace this chance to work together with our internal expert and great Professors like Professor Ali and many more. Ladies and Gentlemen,

Currently Malaysia has 1,420 Professors from 20 Public Universities and UniMAP itself have 29 Professors who came from Malaysia and all around the world. Last week, during my Keynote speech, I also mentioned that Professor Ali Yeon was appointed as a Head of Majlis Professor UniMAP. I hope that all of us be rewarded with benefits from this networking and experts.

The contribution by Professors who are experts and profess in their field are crucial to the development of the nation's economy and human capital, in line with our vision towards building Malaysia as a developed nation by the year 2020.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee, Sustainable Development Unit, and School of Mechatronic Engineering as well as other UniMAP departments for their commitment in making this event a reality. May God bless and reward you for it.

Thank you very much and Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.