

**TEXT OF SPEECH**  
**Brig. General Datuk Prof Dr Kamarudin HUSSIN**  
**VICE CHANCELLOR UniMAP**  
**CONJUNCTION WITH DINNER**  
**ASIAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP Woodball**  
**November 3, 2013 , 8:00 PM**  
**HALL 2020 Kangar Perlis**

1. Yang Amat Berhormat Tuan Azlan Man, The Menteri Besar Of Perlis And Wife
  
2. Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh, Minister Of Education II Malaysia And Yang Berbahagia Datin Seri,
  
3. Yang Berhormat Tuan Haji Hamdan Bahari, Speaker Of State Legislative Assembly
  
4. Honourable Members Of Perlis State Legislative Assembly
  
5. Yang Berbahagia Dato' Profesor Emeritus Ir. Dr. Zainai Mohamed, Chairman Of Universiti Malaysia Perlis Board Of Directors And Yang Berbahagia Datin

6. Yang Berbahagia Prof. Madya Datuk Dr. Kassim Md Mansur, The Chairman of MASUM cum President for ASEAN University Sports Council (AUSC)
7. Mr. Paulo Ferreira, Director, World University Championship International University Sports Federation (FISU)
8. Mr . Kenny Chow, Secretary General, Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) & FISU Assessor Woodball
9. Mr . Jargalsalkhan D., Assessor AUSF Woodball
10. Honourable Senior Officers Of Participating Universities
11. Distinguished Guests From The Ministry Of Education Malaysia
12. Distinguished Participants Of The AUWC 2013

13. Senior Officers Of Universiti Malaysia Perlis
14. Mr. Afizal Abu Othman, Director of Sports of UniMAP cum Director for AUWC 2013
15. Deans and Head Of Departments Of Universiti Malaysia Perlis
16. Our Media Friends
17. Ladies & Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh  
Salam Ilmu, Keikhlasan, Kecemerlangan UniMAP.

## **MESSAGE**

1. With God's blessing we are all gathered here tonight for dinner which also marks the Opening Ceremony of the Asian University Woodball Championship (AUWC) 2013, to be held at this beautiful venue.
2. First of all, allow me to express my sincere appreciation to Yang Amat Berhormat Tuan Azlan Man, The Menteri Besar Of Perlis for making time to attend and officiate the Opening Ceremony of AUWC 2013.
3. My sincere thanks to the Chairman of MASUM cum President for ASEAN University Sports Council (AUSC), Yang Berbahagia Associate Professor Datuk Dr. Kassim Md Mansur who has agreed to allow UniMAP to represent MASUM to host AUWC 2013. In addition, your presence at tonight's function is an indication of your support for this function.

4. On behalf of MASUM, we at UniMAP would like to express our appreciation when given the opportunity by the ASEAN University Sports Federation (AUSF) to organize the Asian University Woodball Championship (AUWC) 2013. Thank you for trusting in our capability to organize such a function for the first time.
  
5. I also take this opportunity to thank the Secretariat and to all those who are involved for their hardwork in successfully organizing AUWC 2013. Please give them a big hand.
  
6. Not forgetting, the willingness of 12 representatives of AUSC attending a meeting in Penang, to make a special trip to UniMAP in Perlis to support AUWC 2013. Thank you for your support.

## **PARTICIPATION IN ASIAN UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP WOODBALL (AUWC 2013)**

Ladies and Gentlemen

7. For your information, there are thirteen participating teams from eleven countries in this 2013 AUWC tournament. Unfortunately, due to undisclosed reasons, Japan and Indonesia have to withdraw from this tournament. But, we still feel that this is a great start for Malaysia to host AUWC for the first time. And UniMAP, as the host in 2013, is willing to organize another one in the future.
  
8. The nine countries are Mongolia, Chinese Taipei, Singapore Thailand, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, India and Malaysia as the host. The total number of 162 people includes 79 athletes, 21 managers and coaches, 2 delegates from FISU, 20 from AUSF, 20 from MASUM and 20 from AUSC. Hopefully the number of groups participating in AUWC tournament

in Malaysia and in other countries will continue to increase in the near future.

9. My hope, through this event, we are able to harness the potential talents in woodball and cultivate an interest among the young people to participate in this sport. In addition, through the organization of AUWC we should be able to broaden and strengthen the interest in woodball sports globally. More important, through this woodball tournament we are able to forge a strong and binding friendship among us Asians within the woodball fraternity.

### **MEETING WITH FISU**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. This morning I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Paulo Ferreira, Director of World University Championship International University Sports Federation (FISU) and also Mr. Kenny Chow, Secretary

General, Asian University Sports Federation (AUSF) and FISU Assessor Woodball who are here to inspect Malaysia's capability and thus proving our eligibility for organizing the World University Woodball Championship.

11. If everything falls in place, then UniMAP will qualify as the first Malaysian institution or university to host the World University Woodball Championship in 2014. InsyaAllah.

12. After that meeting, they are taken to visit the UniMAP main campus and inspect visually the UniMAP Woodball Course and UniMAP Sports Complex, the permanent venue for the competition. I hope that the facilities inspected meet the standards of FISU.

### **SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DONE at UniMAP**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

13. Please allow me to share briefly on the development of sports undertaken by UniMAP since its establishment. Although we started as an engineering-based technical university, UniMAP also concentrate on developing the sports culture, especially in terms of providing the appropriate infrastructure required for the various sports activities.
  
14. Our beautiful Syed Sirajuddin Areeb Putra Sports Complex was officially opened in June 2013. It is a testament of UniMAP's determination to promote sports to the international arena. The synthetic tracks laid down at the Sports Complex received official recognition from the Malaysian Athletic Union and the International Association of Athletic Federation (IAAF).
  
15. Continuously, we will upgrade all of the sports facilities available at the sports complex especially the football field, tennis courts and woodball course to keep abreast with similar facilities available elsewhere to international accredited standards in preparation for hosting other future international sporting events.

16. I hope the woodball course and related facilities available at UniMAP being used and tested during the ASIAN UNIVERSITY WOODBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 will be a benchmark to qualify us to host the organization of the 4<sup>th</sup> WORLD UNIVERSITY WOODBALL CHAMPIONSHIP to be held from 23 to 27 October 2014 at UniMAP. InsyaAllah.

## **CONCLUSION**

17. Finally, we pray that the organization of ASIAN UNIVERSITY WOODBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2013 will achieve its objectives and realize our desire to elevate the woodball sport to the international arena. Additionally, I would like to urge all participants to visit some tourist destinations particularly in Perlis and Malaysia in general.

18. Finally I wish all of you the best and enjoy your stay. Thank you.