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SALUTATION

Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah, Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI),

Yang Berusaha Prof. Dr. Shamsul Baharin Jamaludin, Chairman for the International Conference on Functional Materials and Metallurgy (ICoFM 2014),

Our respected and distinguished speakers,
Academicians, Researchers,
Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Salam sejahtera,

Salam 1 Malaysia and Good Morning

In The Name of Allah S.W.T, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

INTRODUCTION

1. We are all very grateful to the Almighty Allah, for His blessings to enable us to gather at this lovely venue for a prestigious occasion. It

is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome our distinguished keynote speakers, paper presenters, participants and guests to **The International Conference on Functional Materials and Metallurgy (ICoFM 2014)** organized by Sustainable Engineering Research Cluster, School of Materials Engineering, Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP). My gratitude also goes to the Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM) and Malaysian Chamber of Mines, as co-organizers for this conference.

2. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our guest of honor, the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, our honourable Datuk Dr Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah for his commitment and willingness to attend the opening ceremony. Indeed the presences of our honourable deputy minister is an indication that the government is committed and as impetus for the researchers to continue and respond to the call of the Government to develop science, technology and innovation in Malaysia. The government of Malaysia has always encouraged and given much emphasis in the quest of new knowledge through Science, Technology and Innovations.

ICoFM 2014

3. As we all know, **ICoFM 2014** aims to establish professional collaborations amongst researchers, academicians, scientists and industries from the field of metallurgy and functional materials to discuss new development, synthesis and characterization of new materials in the field of energy, structural materials and biomaterials. I hope that this conference will enhance and enrich new knowledge environment and serve as a platform for interactions and networking in the pursuance of knowledge and technological advancement.

Ladies and gentleman

4. In line with the government aspirations to be a developed nation, UniMAP has taken a proactive steps in various activities such as research, development and innovations, sports, culture conferences etc for holistic human capital development to meet future challenges.

We hope to be the agent of change in fulfilling this dream. With the global advancement in Science, Technology and Innovation, we as a nation need to change and transform. We hope that UniMAP would be able to give a positive impact to the research and development agenda of the Nation by knowledge sharing and ideas between academician and researches.

5. We have with us today representatives from research organizations', universities, industries and other research agencies. I hope that this two-day conference will provide a platform for peers, academicians and researchers for mutual exchange of ideas and knowledge sharing, an important agenda in the pursuance of technological advancement for Malaysia.

Ladies and Gentleman,

6. On behalf of UniMAP, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to our keynote speakers, **Dato' Seri Dr Mohd Ajib Anuar**, the President, Malaysian Chamber of Mines, **Prof Dr. Ali Hussain Reshak** from University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic, **Professor Dr. Hj. Zainal Arifin Ahmad** from Universiti Sains Malaysia, **Dr Leonard Wanigasooriya** from Alpha Instrument Sdn. Bhd for your time and willingness to share your experiences and knowledge at this important event. For all sponsors such as **TNB Berhad, Alpha Instrument Sdn Bhd**, and others thank you for your valuable supports.
7. It is hoped that this conference will be a benchmark to build a strong networking between scientists, researchers, academic staff and industry.

CLOSING

8. I sincerely hope that after the two days deliberations, participants will be equipped with a wealth of knowledge on engineering, research and

innovations. I hope you will have an interesting and memorable experience here in Penang. To our international delegates ' Selamat Datang ' – Welcome to Malaysia and please take time see our Beautiful Country. Happy deliberations and Thank you very much.

Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.