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Salutation

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

Yang Berbahagia, Prof Madya Dr. Mohd Fo'ad bin Sakdan, Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Student's Affair & Alumni) UniMAP

UniMAP's Senior Officer,

Deans and Heads of Department,

Yang Berusaha, Prof Madya Razli bin Ahmad, Dean of Student's Affair & Alumni

Student's Representative Council, Session 2012/2013

Secretariate of Asean University Students Symposium And participants who are here with us today.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and good evening to all of you.

Salam Ilmu, Keikhlasan dan Kecemerlangan UniMAP,

Introduction

- 1. Alhamdulillah, I am most grateful to Allah, for His blessings in giving us the opportunity to gather here for the ASIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SYMPOSIUM or AUSS 2013. Firstly, I bid you all a very warm welcome to Perlis and University of Malaysia Perlis, UniMAP.
- 2. It is indeed a great pleasure and honour to welcome all of you, the AUSS members international and local participants. Let us give a round of applause to our distinguished guests. I would like to express my utmost gratitude and appreciation to all committee members in ensuring the success of this event especially to Students Representative Council session 2012/2013.
- 3. They undertook a challenge to organize this big event. It is very rare for small group of students to handle such an event. This is what we called leadership where you dare to accept any challenges without saying no.

Asian University Students Symposium

Ladies and gentlemen,

- 4. Asian University Students Symposium is а program conjunction with the Asian organised in University Presidents Forum (AUPF) 2013 where UniMAP is the host for this year. All the student leaders are the main target for this symposium with the hope of sharing ideas, exchange views and experiences, improving students' leadership qualities to lead an organization. The concept of international visibility of UniMAP will also be realized with the implementation of this program.
- 5. The theme of this years AUSS is "Transforming Graduates to Become Leaders". Four sub-themes which are leadership, development, academic and culture is the focus for this symposium which act as a catalyst to create a big impact in order to strengthen one's leadership standards, skills and proficiency. These sub themes are also highlighted as it can be a medium for students to share, ponder and discuss as well as enriching their individuslistic experience and soft-skills to be an excellent and capable leader.

6. One of the great challenges in becoming an excellent and capable leader, is to be an all rounder and have a good interpersonal relationship. It makes an organization effective by capitalizing on the strengths of each individual inherent in person to become a dynamic leader. Enforcing regulations will not get you to the best. To obtain that competitive edge, you need to nurture your work-force from groups into teams that use the full potential of every individual. Teams are much more powerful and effevtive than a group. Leaders will enrich their skills only by working in teams which will enhance a synergy effect.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. This symposium is very educational, designed specifically to enhance the understanding between students of various nations in order to create better leaders of tomorrow. This is in line with the hope of the Ministry Of Education Malaysia, which is to create more programs that are of international levels to build a global understanding of leaders to ensure a better future. I Sincerely hope that this Symposium will nationally strengthen students networking and internationally to enhance skill, technically and socially. I am confident that with your committment, involvement and excellent support from the Ministry of Education the best talent will not be impossible to achieve.

8. Before I end my speech, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee for their superb commitment in making this symposium an educational and a memorable one. May Allah bless you. To our participants have a pleasant stay in Perlis and to our International Participants please take time to see our beautiful country Malaysia.

With the grace of Allah, I hereby declare this Asian University Students Symposium 2013 officially open.

Sekian,

Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh

Thank You.