

**SPEECH FOR
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**7th Asian Cup Championship &
15th Malaysia International Open Championship
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Bismillah Hirrahmanirrahim

Salam 1 Malaysia and a very good evening,

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Yang Berhormat Tuan Ahmad Bakri bin Dato' Ali, State Executive Council for Tourism, Health and Rural Development, representative for YAB Chief Minister Of Perlis.

Mr Ming Hui Weng, President, International Woodball Federation (IWbF)

Mr Thomas Kwok, President, Asian Woodball Federation (AwbF)

Ms Elaine Tan, President, Malaysia Woodball Association (MWA)

Mr Quek Seng Moun, Vice President, Malaysia Woodball Association

Prof. Dr Zul Azhar Zahid Jamal, UniMAP's Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic & International

Prof. Dr Ismail Daut UniMAP's Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research & Innovation

UniMAP's Exco, Deans and Heads of Department of UniMAP, International and Local Participants of 7th Asia Cup Woodball Competition and 15th International Malaysia Open Competition, Media Representatives, ladies and gentlemen.

I would like to begin by welcoming all participants, foreign dignitaries and guests to the opening of **7th Asian Cup Championship & 15th Malaysia International Open Championship. "Selamat Datang"**.

I would also like to thank the Honourable YB Tuan Ahmad Bakri bin Dato' Ali, for his presence to officially declare open this Championship.

It is Malaysia's privilege to host the 7th Asian Woodball Championship with the participation of the many countries in Asian. It is also the biggest honor for Perlis especially Universiti Malaysia Perlis to co-host the 15th International Open Championship. As the Co-Chairman for this championship I appreciate the trust and faith for this responsibility and I think all of the committee members have given their best to ensure it becomes a reality. Please give a big round of applause to them. This evening I would also like to congratulate the members of UniMAP for their recent success in the inter-varsity sports tournament in which we have emerged as the champion for the fourth year running. Please give them a round of applause.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

One of the main objectives of this tournament is to enhance the awareness of the public and at the same time to promote the Woodball game. This game has gone from strength to strength in terms of popularity and acceptance

internationally. However, we are still way behind some other popular games in terms of coverage and infrastructure. Most people are not aware that this game is really flexible in terms of playing space where you can almost play it everywhere. In addition it is an ideal sport for relaxation and for socializing. So, by bringing this big event to the state of Perlis we wish to spur more interest to the sport. So far, Perlis is catching up with wood ball but the progress has been steady and more people are participating.

UniMAP is a technical focused university nonetheless we want our students to be well rounded individuals. We want to produce graduates who excel not only in academic but socially, culturally, mentally and physically. We have dedicated so much resources, time and attention to ensure the students and also staff would have value added skills and one of the means is through participation in co-curricular activities. Now we are reaping the rewards, UniMAP has emerged as the best in athletics category in the recent SUKUM with six gold medals. We also won the football competition in Statutory Bodies Sports

Tournament. In the future we also hope to achieve success in the Woodball sports.

Members of the floor,

The countries participating in this tournament are countries that are important to Malaysia. We have long established relationship and partnership in many ways, trade, investment, development and of course in terms of sports. Therefore I am glad to note that in line with the objective of the Championship, the participants and athlete are showing good sportsmanship and spirit. Maybe some you were friends already but certainly this would be another platform to know more of each other. The tournament should be an opportunity to celebrate our shared interests as well as the cultural diversity.

Ladies and Gentlemen

This event has been promoted not only within the participating countries but also in many other countries in Asian region. The trip to Langkawi has been organized to

add value to the the tournament. The number of participant is close to 300 and apart from competing in the tournament, I hope that our foreign guests would also take advantage of their presence here to enjoy the Malaysian hospitality. Around the state of Perlis alone, there are many tourist attractions but of course we are known more as the gateway to Langkawi island, Penang island and the southern Thai.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the MWA, the State Government of Perlis, Woodball association of participating countries and their agencies that coordinated their participation, those who have supported this championship and contributed to the successful organisation of the **7th Asian Cup Championship & 15th Malaysia International Open Championship**

Thank you.