

**TEKS UCAPAN
YANG HORMAT PROFESOR DATO' DR. DAING NASIR IBRAHIM
NAIB CANSOLOR UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG
SEMPENA
MAJLIS JAMUAN MALAM MAJLIS KONVOKESYEN KE-10
UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG
PADA HARI JUMAAT, 16 OKTOBER 2015, PUKUL 8.00 MALAM
DI ZENITH HOTEL, KUANTAN**

SALUTASI

Saudara pengacara majlis;

Yang Hormat Dato' Mohd Hilmey Mohd Taib,

Pengerusi Lembaga Pengarah UMP;

Yang Berbahagia Ahli-ahli Lembaga Pengarah UMP;

President, Rectors and Representatives

of foreign institutions;

Wakil-wakil Naib Canselor Universiti Awam;

Ketua-ketua Eksekutif dan Wakil pihak industri;

Rakan-rakan saya dari UMP:

Yang Hormat Profesor Dato' Dr. Rosli Mohd Yunus,
Timbalan Naib Canselor (Akademik & Antarabangsa);

Yang Hormat Profesor Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin,
Timbalan Naib Canselor (Hal Ehwal Pelajar & Alumni);

Profesor Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff,
Timbalan Naib Canselor (Penyelidikan & Inovasi);

Profesor-profesor, Dekan-dekan, Pengarah-pengarah
dan Ketua-ketua Pusat Tanggungjawab;

Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan yang dikasihi;

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera dan Salam 1Malaysia.

KATA PEMBUKA

1. *Alhamdulillah*, suka saya merafakkan setinggi-tinggi-tinggi kesyukuran ke hadrat Allah Ta'ala, kerana dengan limpah rahmat, kurnia dan izin-Nya, maka majlis jamuan malam sempena Konvokesyen Ke-10 UMP ini dapat dilangsungkan.
2. Bagi pihak pengurusan dan seluruh warga UMP, saya ingin mengucapkan selamat datang dan mengalu-alukan tetamu sekalian yang telah sudi memenuhi undangan untuk memeriahkan lagi majlis ini.
3. Adalah menjadi harapan UMP bahawa kehadiran para tetamu ke majlis ini akan memberi impak yang positif kepada hubungan kerjasama yang lebih erat antara Universiti ini dengan institusi, agensi atau organisasi yang diwakili.

4. Di peringkat akhir pelaksanaan Pelan Strategik UMP 2011-2015, dan di ambang Pelan Strategik UMP 2016-2020, Universiti ini sentiasa komited untuk meningkatkan daya saingnya sama ada di peringkat nasional, dan antarabangsa. Untuk itu, jalinan kerjasama yang terarah secara lestari dengan rakan-rakan strategik di dalam dan di luar negara adalah antara pemangkin bagi UMP menjana kegemilangan.

5. Sepuluh tahun sejak majlis konvokesyennya yang pertama pada tahun 2006, UMP telah menghasil seramai 14,260 orang graduan dalam pelbagai lapangan pengajian.

6. Seramai 2,553 graduan akan menerima ijazah dan diploma masing-masing dalam Majlis Konvokesyen Ke-10 yang akan bermula pada hari esok dan berakhir pada 18 Oktober 2015. Daripada jumlah tersebut, seramai orang merupakan 39 graduan Doktor Falsafah, 106 orang graduan Sarjana, 1,606 orang graduan Sarjana Muda dan 788 orang graduan Diploma.

7. Pertambahan bilangan graduan ini mencabar UMP untuk terus meningkatkan kualiti sistem pengajiannya secara strategik dan terarah. Maka, tumpuan akan terus diberikan secara khusus untuk mengembangkan kerjasama akademik bukan sahaja dengan institusi dalam negara, tetapi juga di peringkat antarabangsa.

KEJAYAAN KERJASAMA AKADEMIK UMP-JERMAN

8. Ladies and gentlemen,

For the benefit of our international guests this evening, allow me to continue my speech in English.

9. UMP's international academic cooperation, particularly with German universities, certainly deserves special mention this evening. It was in 2010 that UMP began to look seriously into the possibility of pursuing a concrete and sustainable academic collaboration with Germany.

10. The German fachhochschule model that focusses on very hands-on and practical engineering education captured our interest. While UMP believes in the concept of 'Teaching Factory' in producing competent engineering graduates, we saw the great potential in fachhochschule model to augment UMP's brand in engineering education.

11. To stand different and to be unique require bold, yet strategic move. We are grateful that our initial effort to connect to German universities, particularly Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences (HsKA) was constructively facilitated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.

12. Our arrangement with HsKA at present focusses on the dual-degree programme in two disciplines – Mechatronic Engineering and Automotive Engineering. The first batch of 14 graduands from this Mechatronics Engineering dual-degree programme will receive their degrees tomorrow morning.

13. In that regard, we are very much delighted and honoured because the Rector HsKA, Professor Dr. Karl-Heinz Meisel is here with us this evening and will also be present during the Tenth Convocation Ceremony tomorrow.

14. I am most pleased to note here that UMP's strategic effort in the area of academic cooperation with the Federal Republic of Germany is being looked highly by the Malaysian Government. Not only that our Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak expressed his support towards this move, the Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Mohd Idris Jusoh also applauded UMP's German initiative in my recent meeting with him last August.

15. UMP now, in the eyes of the Ministry of Higher Education, is seen as an exemplary model for Malaysian higher education to soar upwards, and our success story with Germany is indeed a good benchmark for the globalization of Malaysia's university education.

16. Following our success with HsKA, UMP is currently working very closely with another German partner, the Reutlingen University. I have said earlier that in order to stand different and unique from the rest, UMP must be bold enough to embrace innovative approaches and unconventional ways as far as the design of our academic programmes are concern.
17. Therefore, we resolved to introduce Business Engineering in UMP. As an academic discipline, Business Engineering is not new in the West, but in this part of Asia, it is largely unknown, and we in UMP are confident that we could capitalize from this unchartered territory.
18. Thus was the beginning of the Business Engineering programme in UMP. It is also offered in dual-degree arrangement with Reutlingen University, and the pioneer batch of 31 undergraduates was enrolled for the 2015/2016 Academic Session on September 1 this year.

19. I am also glad and proud to note here that UMP is not only the first university in Malaysia to offer Business Engineering programme, but also the first university in Southeast Asia to do so. This achievement certainly adds another bright and radiant star to UMP's marque; and we look forward to maintaining, and augmenting our current close ties in the area of academic cooperation with Germany.

20. At the same time, we will also continue to intensify our academic cooperation initiatives with other countries across the globe. In that regard, our linkage with the United States of America, Australia, Ireland, Turkey, Oman and others will always stand beneath the limelight of our global direction.

21. It is my hope too that this will not only enrich UMP's academic experience, but also significant in capturing the interest from the industry, both local and international to participate in strategic and smart partnership initiatives with this University; particularly in the areas of research, development, commercialization and training. UMP's *MyGift* initiative is one of the avenues where such linkage could materialize.

PENGHARGAAN KEPADA DR. GÜNTER GRUBER

22. Ladies and gentlemen,

It is an undeniable fact that the warm and cordial diplomatic relations between Malaysia and Germany have significantly contributed to the success of UMP's successful linkage with German universities.

23. The preliminary efforts towards establishing that linkage in 2010 were primarily facilitated and supported by the German Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, under the charismatic leadership of the then Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Dr. Günter Gruber.

24. It was throughout Dr. Günter's ambassadorial tenure in Malaysia from 2008 to 2013 that the UMP-Germany linkage flourished, and he certainly deserved our tribute for the present outstanding feat of that linkage.

25. He was no stranger to UMP during his term as the German Ambassador; and it was because of his enduring support to our effort that German top industrial players have the confidence to consider closer strategic partnership with this University.

26. Dr. Günter's contribution in this regard is indeed tremendous, and commands our great admiration. He is kind enough to accept our invitation to be one of UMP's most distinguished guest this evening. Not only that, he will also join us during the Tenth Convocation Ceremony tomorrow morning to receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Business Engineering) from the Chancellor of UMP, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Pahang.
27. That honour certainly does not match his invaluable services to UMP in particular and Malaysia-Germany ties in general; but that is the most noble way for us in UMP to express our appreciation and gratitude to you sir. Please join me ladies and gentlemen in giving a big round of applause as a mark of our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Günter Gruber.

KATA PENUTUP

28. Tuan-tuan dan puan-puan;

Sebelum mengakhiri ucapan ini, saya ingin merakamkan setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan terima kasih kepada semua pihak yang telah bertungkus-lumus menyumbangkan khidmat bagi menjayakan majlis ini, termasuklah dari segi persediaan tempat, logistik, publisiti, jemputan dan persembahan yang menghiburkan.

29. Berkat doa semua, mudah-mudahan Majlis Konvokesyen Ke-10 yang bermula esok akan berjalan dalam suasana lancar, teratur dan tenteram, tanpa sebarang kejadian yang tidak diingini.

30. Kepada graduan cemerlang yang turut hadir bersama keluarga masing-masing pada malam ini, tahniah diucapkan atas kejayaan anda. Semoga kecemerlangan ini akan menjadi inspirasi kepada warga UMP yang lain.

Sekian, *Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah,*

wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.