

TALKING POINT

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INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE COMPLETION DINNER

NOVEMBER 2013 INTAKE,

DIBACAKAN DATO' PROF. DR. ZUL AZHAR ZAHID JAMAL, TIMBALAN

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PADA 1 APRIL 2014 DI HOTEL PUTRA PALACE, KANGAR

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh,

Salam Ilmu, Keikhlasan, dan Kecemerlangan UniMAP

SALUTATION

Yang Berbahagia Prof. Dr. Abdul Hamid Adom, UniMAP's Deputy Vice
Chancellor Research and Innovation

Yang Berbahagia Assoc Prof Dr Fo'ad Sakdan, UniMAP's Deputy Vice
Chancellor Student Affairs and Alumni

Yang Berusaha Prof. Dr. Harshita Aini Haroon, Director of Centre for
International Languages, UniMAP,

UniMAP Exco Members

Deans and Heads of Departments

Staff of the Centre for International Languages
and All the Intensive English Course Students.

INTRODUCTION

1. On behalf of the Vice Chancellor of UniMAP, I would like to welcome and thank you to all guests, Deans, Heads of Departments, staff and students who are present this evening to celebrate the Intensive English Course Completion Dinner for the IEC students intake of November 2013. I am very pleased to be able to be with you tonight to celebrate this joyous event.

Ladies and gentlemen,

INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE (IEC)

2. I am also happy to note that every year UniMAP has been receiving a good number of students from various countries to enrol for the Intensive English Course (IEC). The students intake for November 2013 totalled 84 students who came from Bosnia, Chad, China, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Uzbekistan, and Yemen. I am also very happy to note that a majority of them has done very well throughout the duration of the programme and thus have successfully completed the IEC.

Ladies and gentlemen,

3. Currently, English is considered as the world preferred language for many matters as a communication medium. The importance of learning the English language therefore is a measure to equip yourselves to fit in with the globalization trend.

4. In the context of your enrolment in UniMAP, as a student, you will have found that English plays a huge role in ensuring that your learning process runs as smoothly as they should do. When you enter your undergraduate studies, either in UniMAP or elsewhere, you will find that mastering English is even more imperative. Not coming to grip with a good command of English during the IEC can be potentially disruptive, and may hinder your understanding of all things that matter for your future academic success and endeavour. It was on this basis, that IEC was designed by UniMAP that is to facilitate as much as we can, within the time that we have, and from the entry level of English that the students enrol with us, to ensure that at the end of the course all of our international students are fully equipped with the necessary English skills to help them do well both academically and socially.

5. I do hope that the 6 months of attachment at UniMAP, spent either inside and outside the classroom, have helped you improve your English. However, the 6 months period is short but we hope we can

deliver what you all hope for. To improve further, it is now up to you to keep on learning and improving your command of English. On a positive note, I am strongly convinced that IEC has given you all the necessary English and learning skills to prepare you for your entry into the degree program.

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6. Again to the respected students of the November 2013 intake, I would like to say thank you for your choice to undertake the IEC course at UniMAP. Your participation in this IEC programme has enabled UniMAP to be visible as one of the most recognized university running this English programme not just in Malaysia but also worldwide.
7. With that, Ladies and gentlemen, we from the UniMAP management and staff of Centre for International Languages wish you all the best in your future academic and career journey back in your own countries. My thanks also to the organizing committee who worked hard to make this function a success. Please enjoy your dinner and the rest of the evening.

Wabillahitaufiq, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Thank you.