

SPEECH
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IEC APRIL 2014 INTAKE COURSE COMPLETION DINNER
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at

Putra Palace Hotel

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,
Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera, Salam
1 Malaysia, dan Salam Ilmu, Keikhlasan, Kecemerlangan UniMAP,

Salutation

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

Yang Berbahagia Assoc. Prof. Dr Foad Sakdan, UniMAP Deputy Vice
Chancellor (Student Affairs)

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

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

Deans and Heads of Departments

Staff of the Centre for International Languages

and IEC students April 2014 Intake.

Introduction

1. It is indeed a great honour and privilege for UniMAP and me as the Vice Chancellor to welcome all guests, deans, heads of departments, staff and students who are present this evening to celebrate the Intensive English Course Completion (IEC) Dinner April 2014 Intake. I am very pleased and grateful to be able to be with you tonight to celebrate this joyous occasion.

Ladies and gentlemen,

2. On behalf of UniMAP I am grateful and delighted because every year UniMAP receives international students from various countries enrolled in the IEC program. For April 2014, 59 students have enrolled for the course, and they hail from China, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Myanmar, Somalia, Sudan, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.
3. I am very happy to note that a majority of them has done very well throughout the duration of the programme and have successfully completed the IEC. With the advent of new and innovative technologies, we are getting closer and the world is getting smaller. Besides our mother tongue, there is an added advantage if we can master other languages of the world. As we have seen, the importance of the English language cannot be over emphasized. To be able to participate as a global citizen, one's ability to master the English language is of paramount importance.
4. In the context of UniMAP, as a student, you would have realized that English plays an important role in ensuring that your learning process runs as smoothly without any hitch. When you enter your undergraduate studies, it will enhance your understanding of the subject matter. Therefore mastering the English language will take you to greater heights in your academic career and well being. With this understanding, the IEC was designed; to facilitate as much as we

could, within the time frame, to ensure that all 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 within the short period of 5 months you have spent for the IEC have helped you to better equipped with the English language. However, the 5 months cannot promise perfection but practise makes perfect. I believe that the IEC has given you the necessary English and learning skills to prepare you for your degree program. But it is all up to the individual to further improve and master the English language. I would say that this is the era of the English language if we look at the global world as a perspective.
6. To our dear students, I would like to say a big thank you. Your choice to study here has enabled UniMAP to be seen as one of the most recognized university not just in Malaysia but also worldwide – UniMAP is therefore internationally visible.
7. With that ladies and gentlemen, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the organizing committee for organizing this event and good luck to all the students. Enjoy the evening.

Thank you.