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GALA DINNER ICEPH-CS 2025

AT

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بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمـــنِ الرَّحِيْمِ

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى أَشْرَفِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِيْنَ وَعَلَى ءَالِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

SALUTATION

1. **The Honorable Associate Prof. Ts. Dr. Wan Ismahanisa Ismail**
Chairperson
1st International Conference, Exhibition, and Innovation on Public Health and International Community Services (ICEPH-CS) 2025

2. **The Honourable Ts. Dr. Mohamad Azhar bin Mohd Noor**
Deputy Rector UiTM Pulau Pinang Branch, Bertam Campus

3. **The Honourable Professor Mohd Haidzir bin Abd Manaf**
Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, UiTM

4. **The Honourable Professor Dr. Santi Martini,**
Chairperson II and Co-Organizer from Universitas Airlangga, **INDONESIA**

5. **The Honourable Professor Dr. Yoyok Bekti Prasetyo,**
Co-Organizer from Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang, **INDONESIA**

6. **The Honourable Associate Professor Dr. Umi Budi Rahayu,**
Co-organizer from Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta, **INDONESIA**

7. **The Honourable Mr. Joacim Soon Ghim Seng,**
General Manager Capacity & Digitalization of BESARAWAK, on behalf of Madam Amelia Roziman, CEO BESARAWAK, **MALAYSIA**

Distinguished guests, respected speakers, participants, ladies and gentlemen.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Salam Sejahtera, Salam ICEPH-CS 2025,

And as we say in Sarawak – Selamat Datai

INTRODUCTION

1. It is indeed a great honour and privilege for me, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA, to officiate this prestigious occasion — the Gala Dinner of the **1st International Conference, Exhibition & Innovation on Public Health and International Community Services**, or ICEPH-CS 2025.

2. Tonight, we are gathered not merely to share a meal, but to **celebrate the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and friendship** that has brought us together from **all corners of the globe** — from the United Kingdom, Indonesia, France, Algeria, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Australia and Iraq.

3. The theme, “Building Resilient Public Health through Community Service,” reflects a shared belief — that public health is a responsibility we carry together. And **Just as the rivers of Sarawak gather from many sources to form one, our diverse knowledge, skills, and cultures unite to create solutions for today’s public health challenges**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. What makes this conference truly special is not only its academic excellence, but its outreach. Tomorrow and the day after, participants will go beyond papers and presentations, stepping directly into communities to put our ideas into action. This, ladies and gentlemen, is **where research meets reality — where we bring change not just to conference halls, but to people's lives**.

5. Tonight is also a night of recognition. We will honour the best among us — the most outstanding oral and poster presenters, the most groundbreaking innovations, and the most creative media contributors. These awards are more than just trophies; **they are a reflection of dedication, creativity, and the courage to innovate**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. As we enjoy this evening's cultural showcase, **I invite you to immerse yourself in the warmth of Sarawak hospitality** — from our music and dances to the rich flavours of our cuisine. In Sarawak, we believe that **once you've shared a meal, you're part of the family**. May tonight be a moment where friendships are strengthened, and new bonds are forged across borders.

7. On behalf of UiTM, I extend my deepest gratitude to our collaborators, sponsors, delegates, and the hardworking organising committee. Like the intricate patterns of ***Sarawak's songket and pua kumbu***, **every thread of effort has been woven together to create the remarkable fabric of ICEPH-CS 2025.**

CLOSING

8. Before I close, allow me to share two pantuns from *Kumpulan Pantun* Melayu, DBP 2018:

Air jernih sajaknya landai,

Jalan raya titian batu;

Berunding cerdik dengan pandai,

Faham dua menjadi satu.

Bunga mawar harum mewangi,

Dijual di pasar pagi hari,

Terima kasih kami ucapkan,

Kerana sudi datang kemari.

Ladies and gentlemen,

9. With the words ‘In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful,’ it is my great pleasure, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi MARA, **to officially declare the closing ceremony of the ICEPH-CS 2025.**

Thank you.

Wabillahi taufik walhidayah, wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.