

Welcoming and Opening Speech by

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Assalamualaikum wbt, salam sejahtera and very good evening.

Salutations (TBD)

- Yang Berhormat Datuk Hajah Jainab Datuk Seri Panglima Hj. Ahmad Ayid, Minister of Community Development and Consumer Affairs, Sabah
- Prof. Dr. Sharifudin Md Shaarani, Dean of Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition, UMS

- Distinguished delegates, organizers & all the participants
- Representatives of the press, &
- Ladies & gentlemen

Congratulations to the Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition, Universiti Malaysia Sabah for organising International Conference on Food Science and Nutrition 2017 or ICFSN 2017. There are increasing demands from

consumers for safe, nutritious and good quality food.

We should treat these consumer demands and pressures of population growth and climate change as challenges and opportunities. Thus, new approaches for sourcing, processing, and delivery systems for foods are constantly on the rise. Apart from survival needs, there are also identity and cultural dimensions to food consumption.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The university is committed to preparing our graduates for the Industrial Revolution 4.0. As such, we are planning for students to have experience in cyber physical system, big data management, among others. We already use cloud computing in our teaching and learning. Our partners in the industry are going into “smart factories”, we hope that through the Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition,

we could think of ways and work with the industry, to make full use of these capabilities in the food supply chain and smart manufacturing to address people's health and consumer needs.

I hope that the ICFSN 2017 serves as a platform for scientists and industry practitioners to not only interact and exchange ideas, but also to establish and strengthen interdisciplinary research collaborations, locally and internationally,

in the fields of food science and technology, food safety, nutrition, food service management, and food and nutritional anthropology.

I wish ICFSN 2017 a great success, and to all guests and participants, especially those from abroad, a pleasant stay in Kota Kinabalu.

Thank you.