

WELCOMING SPEECH

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Assalamualaikum wbt. And very Good Morning

Salutations

- Yang Berbahagia Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany, Director General, Institute of Diplomacy & Foreign Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Zakaria Nasir, Director, Competency Enhancement Centre, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations
- Principal and senior officers of UMS

- Delegates of Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations
- Alumni of UMS – IDFR diplomacy course 2017
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It's a great honour for me to welcome Yang Berbahagia Datuk and your delegates to UMS today, I hope you feel at home in our campus during your stay and hope your stay so far has been a good one.

Today is a day that marks the fruits of our collaboration between Universiti Malaysia Sabah and Institute of Diplomacy & Foreign Relation or also known as IDFR. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to IDFR for hosting the **Seranta Dan Diplomasi Awam Bersama Yang Berhormat Menteri Luar Negeri Bersama Pelajar Dan Kakitangan Universiti Malaysia Sabah** that was held on the 21st to the 25th of August 2017.

It is always a great joy to see the growth of this relationship that would benefit both parties in the betterment of the future.

In UMS, we believe in working together with external parties would also help our university grow in line with the changes of time. Who would have thought today would be possible at the beginning of our collaboration together. I hope that this would be the first of many visits from IDFR in the future.

I also would like to welcome IDFR to have future collaboration in other areas as well such as research and open to co-organising conferences that would benefit the area of International Relations. UMS has an International Relations programme under our Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Heritage and I believe you will be in with them during your stay here in UMS.

With that, I would again like to welcome you to Universiti Malaysia Sabah. May you learn as much as you can and benefit from your stay here. Please also make the time to enjoy what Sabah has to offer.

Thank you.