

MAJLIS PELANCARAN 'UMS Research Directory' 28 January 2009

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Bismillahir Rahmannir Rahim
Assalammualaikum wbt.
And Salam Sejahtera

Thanks you to our Master of Ceremony,

Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr Maximus Johnity Ongkili
Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

Prof Dr. Rosnah Ismail
Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation

Deputies of Vice- Chancellor
Registrar
Bursar
Acting Chief Librarian

Distinguished Guests,

Deans and Head of Department

UMS Staffs

Rakan Media

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It gives me an immense pleasure to welcome YB Datuk Maximus J. Ongkili, the Hon'ble Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation of Malaysia, and all the guests who are here today at the launching of the 'UMS Research Directory'.

2. The presence of YB Datuk Maximus despite his enormous commitments reflects the importance he attaches to progressive developments in UMS. The research directory prepared by Research & Innovation Center is indeed a good initiative to consolidate a list of researchers and their fields of expertise. Such a document will certainly provide an easy

access to those interested in seeking research partners in joint projects or looking for expertise in UMS for academic exchanges.

3. Preparation of research directory is evidence in itself of the rising research profile of UMS. Since we have something to show, so why not document it for a good use. This has been the spirit behind the preparation of this directory.

4. UMS has been giving a great deal of importance to research. We have been able to develop a good infrastructure and an environment conducive for research.

We continue to improve and modernize our facilities and increase the output of trained scholars.

5. I realize that a leading research-led university is the one that values scholarship, and also places a premium on high quality teaching and training of the next generation of scholars. With less than 15 years of its history, in my honest assessment, the UMS claim of being an “emerging research university” is a realistic characterization of our profile.

6. We are sparing no efforts to put in place necessary tools and mechanisms to achieve the targets to be able to join the ranks of the major research universities.

7. UMS has been trying to seek connections to the world of knowledge outside the boundaries of the campus through scholarly activity and outreach programs.

Ladies & gentlemen:

8. I must state that we are greatly assisted in our efforts by favorable response that we receive from the ministries such

as MOSTI which have been very generous in funding our research project proposals.

9. It goes to the credit of UMS scholars to develop research proposals and also the willingness of MOSTI to support those proposals. I am glad that projects in a broad range of subjects – nature conservation, marine resources development, aquaculture, biotechnology, engineering, and information technology among other disciplines are supported by MOSTI.

10. With this message, **I would like to end my address and will give my presentation on UMS Research and Development activities.** Many thanks to YB Datuk and all the guests present here.

Thank you.