

Speech

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At the closing ceremony of 1st Technical Talk & SHELL Exploration Game 2008 (SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme), 24th October 2008, Friday, 08.30 am, Gallery, Level 3, Chancellory Building, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Kota Kinabalu; officiated by YBhg Prof. Dr. Amran Ahmed, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Universiti Malaysia Sabah

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Shell (M) Berhad Representative

SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme Committee Members

Saudara Rodeano Hj. Roslee

Chairman 1st Technical Talk & SHELL Exploration Game 2008 (SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme)

All Participants and Students.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatu and Salam Sejahtera

First and foremost, I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to the organisers for inviting me to officiate the closing ceremony for the 1st Technical Talk & SHELL Exploration Game 2008 (Collaboration between the SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme). I would also like to thank Shell (M) Berhad Representative members for

attending this event as well as sponsoring for this particular programme. And to the Saudara Rodeano Hj. Roslee; Chairman 1st Technical Talk & SHELL Exploration Game 2008 (SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme) with HEP, UMS teams (especially Puan Rohani Abdullah) and Geology Club Students, I would like to congratulate all of you for successfully organising this programme in collaboration with Shell.

It has been a great honour for the HEP and School of Science & Technology, UMS to host this 1st Technical Talk & SHELL Exploration Game 2008 (SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme). It is one of our university main vision to become one of the world's recognised research university. I believe this event will provide a platform for close networking among UMS and Shell (M) Berhad. Equipped with the forefront of analytical and instrumentation technology, the oil and gas industries have a lot to offer to researchers, particularly in the advancement of geo-petroleum field techniques in various scientific fields. Geology or Geosciences technology offers powerful solutions for today's analytical problems and it is not limited to only oil and gas industries technique but also extended to fields of engineering construction and mineral exploration.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the world evolves rapidly, the field of science and technology generally also has grown tremendously. In many areas of research in this university, such as medical, engineering, physics, biotechnology, marine biology, biodiversity, robotics etc, the seeds that we planted a

few years ago have sprung into healthy seedlings and are well on their way to becoming well-bred trees. The MOSTI or Ministry of Higher Education has recognised these attempts at building centres of excellence and these areas of research that I alluded to, have attracted e-Science funds or fundamental funds. It is my deepest aspiration that the usage of geological field especially in oil and gas industries will also follow suit, giving birth to many significant researches among UMS lecturers.

Globalisation and the advent of new technologies and knowledge necessitate countries to some extent to depend on one another for progress and development. At the same time, new challenges which are beyond the capacity of any one country to address individually have emerged. These lead to a greater need for international co-operation. In this respect, this event is one of the platforms and means by which such co-operation can be achieved for examples between Shell (M) Bhd and UMS, and I hope participants will make use of this opportunity to learn from and share experiences with one another.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is the first event in this year whereby SHELL and UMS have collaboration through the SHELL-UMS Campus Ambassador programme. SHELL being one of the powerhouses in oil and gas industry. Through the technical talks by the invited SHELL guest speakers and SHELL Exploration Games (SEG) for 25th & 26th October 2008 involving about 70 of second year Geology students, envisions in giving especially to the

UMS Geology students latest information and knowledge on high end technologies available at the moment in oil and gas industry. Also, through this technical talks I believe that it'll create exposure realistic working environment where invited SHELL guest speakers or SEG organizer are able to share their experiences knowledge or transfer their skills. I hope that the information and knowledge gained will be useful, not only at the standard of the local university, but as well as internationally. Besides that, I hope that with this programme, students will have the passion in pursueing further in their studies and also have better understanding what the future holds for them. This would also help the students to do better in school with the urge and curiosity of the various subjects offered.

At the end of this programme, I believe that the objectives of this programme has been successfully achieved where students has already been exposed to field exploration, working as a team and being confident as an individual.

Hereby, again I would like to congratulate SHELL-UMS: Campus Ambassador Programme teams and Geology Club of UMS students for the success in organising this programme and thus, officially end the programme.

Thank you and Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah

Wassalmualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh