

**SPEECH OF
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**OPENING CEREMONY OF FGIC 1ST CONFERENCE
ON GOVERNANCE & INTEGRITY 2017**

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SALUTATION

Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Siraja Haji Adnan Haji Yaakob,
Chief Minister of Pahang;

Yang Hormat Dato' Mahmud Mohd Nawawi,
General Manager, Yayasan Pahang;

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Yusli Mohamed Yusoff,
President, Malaysia Institute of Corporate Governance;

Conference Chairs:

Yang Hormat Professor Dato' Dr Hasnah Haron from UMP
and Mr. Airulamri Amran from Yayasan Pahang;

Dr. Mohd Ridzuan Darun,

Dean, Faculty of Industrial Management, UMP;

Heads of Federal and State Departments, Agencies and Statutory
Bodies;

Chief Executives of industries and corporations;

Conference speakers, presenters and delegates;

Members of the conference organizing committee;

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera, Salam 1Malaysia and a very good afternoon.

1. First and foremost, it is with great pleasure that I have the honour of welcoming all of you to this auspicious occasion that marks the official opening of the FGIC 1st Conference on Governance & Integrity 2017 which is jointly organized by Universiti Malaysia Pahang, Yayasan Pahang and Malaysia Institute of Corporate Governance.

2. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest welcome and greetings to our Guest-of-Honour, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Diraja Haji Adnan Haji Yaakob, the Chief Minister of Pahang for his presence this afternoon to officiate the conference and to enlighten us with his thoughts and viewpoints through his special keynote address shortly.

3. UMP is particularly grateful and delighted to work hand in hand with its strategic partners namely Yayasan Pahang and Malaysia Institute of Corporate Governance in organizing this inaugural conference with the theme "Innovation & Sustainability Through Governance."

4. The idea to organize this conference came up right after the official launch of the Governance & Integrity Centre at the Faculty of Industrial Management or FGIC in UMP on July 15, 2016.
5. The idea was well-received by the faculty members and was taken seriously the management of UMP, and I was particularly glad with the constructive outcomes from the series of discussions that had taken place between July to December 2016 that led to the materialization of this conference today.
6. This conference is in fact a continuation of FGIC's first public engagement through its inaugural forum entitled "Corporate Governance in Malaysia, 18 Years After – Where Are We Heading?" that was held in conjunction with the Centre's official launch last year.
7. This two-day conference therefore provides ample time and space for the speakers, presenters and delegates to interact in a more conducive atmosphere and to engage in constructive intellectual discourse besides enhancing their professional networking.

8. The encouraging support that we receive from various public agencies, private corporations and professional organizations in organizing this conference is a great motivation especially to FGIC to continue its noble efforts and intellectual commitment in carrying out relevant initiatives to promote public awareness towards governance and integrity issues, both locally and globally.

9. In that regard, I am truly delighted that in addition to his special keynote address this afternoon, our Guest-of-Honour, Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Haji Adnan Haji Yaakob has also agreed to launch two of FGIC's latest offerings for the intellectual and corporate fraternities namely the Anti-Bribery Management System Checklist and the Journal of Governance and Integrity (JGI).

10. The Anti-Bribery Management System Checklist and the Journal of Governance and Integrity are part of FGIC's continuous commitment to stand side by side with the Government in promoting the integrity agenda through its academic expertise and research capabilities as well as providing the intellectual platform for relevant discourses, report publications and case study writings with constructive participation from the academia, the industry and the policy makers.

11. **Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Diraja, ladies and gentlemen,**

I am glad to state here that this conference has received overwhelming response from the academics and professionals of various backgrounds, and disciplines beyond the initial expectation of the organizing committee.

12. A total of 40 papers have been shortlisted for concurrent sessions throughout this conference which are divided into six subthemes namely Sustainability Reporting, Good Governance & Integrity, Ethics & Culture, CSR and Research Integrity, Risk Management and Waste Management.

13. In addition to that, the organizer has also scheduled three forum sessions throughout the conference involving highly credible and distinguished panel speakers who represents various professional segments to address three topics that have been specially identified namely 'How To Enhance Growth in State Owned Enterprises (SOEs)?', 'Initiatives To Promote Governance and Integrity' and 'Autonomy and Governance in Institutions of Higher Learning'.
14. This multi-representation of talents, industries, sectors and professions has indeed broadened the perspective and dimension in the discourses throughout this conference, thus enabling a more comprehensive understanding of the related issues from both the philosophical and practical aspects.
15. Earlier this morning, the conference delegates were fortunate to meet the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Yang Berhormat Senator Datuk Paul Low in person where he had enlightened us with his keynote address entitled 'Corporate Governance – What Are The Expectations?'.

16. The multi-representation of talents, industries, sectors and professions during this conference has also provided us with the opportunity to explore potential strategic collaborations and research partnerships.

17. Thus, an Academia & Industry Sharing Session has also been scheduled tomorrow where three panel speakers representing the government, the academia and the industry will share their thoughts and perspectives over the practical direction of future researches in the areas of governance and integrity particularly those that are impactful towards enhancing operational excellence, service delivery and public trust.

18. **Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Sri Diraja, ladies and gentlemen,**

Honouring the initiative to hold this conference, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to the team from the Faculty of Industrial Management, UMP as well as our partners from Yayasan Pahang and the Malaysia Institute of Corporate Governance for their outstanding commitment and dedication.

19. I would also like to dedicate my special thanks and appreciation to Pahang State Government and the Prime Minister's Department for providing us with the support and motivation to organize this conference. *Insyah-Allah*, with the collective commitment and synergy that we have, I believe that this conference could become one of the key events on FGIC's annual agenda and UMP looks forward to working alongside more partners in the future editions of this conference.
20. To all delegates and participants, I wish you all a fruitful deliberation and constructive engagement throughout this conference and it is my hope that you are satisfied and contented with our humble hospitality here in the comfort of the Yayasan Pahang Complex. May Allah Ta'ala bless us with His mercy and bounty for all the sincere efforts that we made to ensure that this FGIC 1st Conference on Governance & Integrity 2017 a success, *Amin*.

Thank you.