

**SPEECH OF
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNING CEREMONY
BETWEEN UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG
AND MALAYSIA INSTITUTE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

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UMP GAMBANG CAMPUS**

SALUTATION

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Yusli Mohamed Yusoff,

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My colleagues from UMP:

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Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International);

Yang Hormat Professpr Dato' Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni);

Professor Dr. Mashitah Mohd Yusoff,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation);

Yang Hormat Professor Dato' Dr. Ishak Ismail,
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Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Industrial & Community Linkage);

Yang Hormat Professor Dato' Dr. Hasnah Haron,
Dean, Institute of Postgraduate Studies;

Dr. Mohd Ridzuan Darun,
Dean, Faculty of Industrial Management;

Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments;

Ladies and gentlemen;

*Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera
and Salam 1Malaysia.*

1. *Alhamdulillah*, it gives great pleasure this morning to welcome you all to the Gambang Campus of Universiti Malaysia Pahang and to thank you for the support rendered for this morning's forum on Corporate Governance in Malaysia and the establishment of UMP's own Centre for Governance & Integrity, which is based at the Faculty of Industrial Management (FIM).

2. While the forum that we just had was the prelude to the inauguration of the FIM's Governance & Integrity Centre (FGIC) by the Menteri Besar of Pahang later this afternoon, the conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UMP and the Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG) is another strategic move to enhance the role, function and capacity of FGIC at this early stage.

3. In that regard, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Yang Berbahagia Dato' Yusli Mohamed Yusoff, the President of MICG for his commitment and willingness to collaborate and cooperate with UMP in supporting the formation of FGIC, thus enabling the Centre to benefit from MICG's vast experience and professional expertise in dealing with governance- and integrity-related issues in the public and private sectors, both nationally and internationally.

4. I am glad to note here that UMP is indeed very fortunate that the initiative to establish FGIC has also received positive feedback and response from the Pahang State Government through Yayasan Pahang. With the presence of the representatives from MICG and Yayasan Pahang in the Advisory Panel of FCIG, I believe that strategic opportunities for this Centre are plentiful, particularly in producing the desired outcomes namely, generation of knowledge, dissemination and sharing of knowledge and repository centre.

5. With the conclusion of this MoU with MICG, UMP looks forward to working closely and strategically with MICG in the following areas:

First, carrying out impact studies on the government's policies in relation to governance and integrity;

Second, carrying out market research on the government's forthcoming policies;

Third, developing a specific tool kit to facilitate the measurement of the effectiveness of a particular governance standard or integrity policy;

Fourth, organizing training and executive development programmes on governance- and integrity-related issues;

Fifth, organizing seminars, forums and intellectual discourses on governance and integrity;

Sixth, conducting research projects and studies on governance and integrity; and

Seventh, working closely with other professional bodies, research institutions, academia, public agencies and private organizations to resolve governance- and integrity-related issues.

6. Even though UMP is generally a technical-oriented university with most of her academic programmes based on engineering, science and technology, the interdisciplinary nature of the Faculty of Industrial Management, the home to FCIG is a great advantage for it provides the softer side of human value to this technological university.

7. In the long run, the management of UMP has set the target for FCIG to champion the issues on governance, integrity and ethics which are pertinent to local and global communities in various segments – politics, academic, economic and commerce. This certainly requires high commitment and strong dedication from the inside as well as moral and financial support from the outside; and the collaboration that we seal with MICG today is one of the major steps towards linking FCIG to better opportunities.

8. At this early stage, special focus will be given in strengthening the administrative structure and framework foundations of FCIG, and we look forward to benefit from MCIG's experience in consultation works, resource compilation, advocacy, training and publications in the areas of governance and integrity.

9. Therefore, it is my most fervent and ardent hope that the details agreed upon by both parties through this MoU could be carried out successfully, and this demands the commitment both from UMP and MICG to oversee the efficient and effective implementation of the framework in accordance with the spirit of this collaboration.

10. Finally, I would like to thank you again for your time and presence, and may Allah Ta'ala bless this noble effort with great success and excellent results that contribute to the betterment of this country as well the improvement of global community, *Insha Allah*.

Thank you. *Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah, Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*