

**SPEECH OF
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**THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE
THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY 2016
(ICCEIB 2016)
AND THE EXCHANGE OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016; 11.30 A.M.;
BAYOU LAGOON PARK RESORT, MELAKA**

SALUTATION

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Kamel Mohamed Nor,
Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education;

Fellow Vice-Chancellors;

Chairman of International Conference on Chemical
Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology (ICCEIB) 2016;

Representatives from universities and industry;

Guest speakers and conference delegates;

Academicians, researchers and students;

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,

Salam Sejahtera and Salam 1Malaysia.

1. *Alhamdulillah*, it is with greatest pleasure that I have the honour of welcoming you this afternoon in conjunction with the opening ceremony of ICCEIB 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest and special welcome to Yang Berbahagia Dato' Kamel Mohamed Nor, the Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Higher Education for joining us this afternoon.
2. It is indeed a great honour for us in UMP to be entrusted with the responsibility of hosting the third edition of this this bi-annual conference and to receive speakers, delegates and participants of different nationalities from all over the world who I believe, are really enthusiastic to share their intellectual thoughts and research findings relating to current issues in the areas of Chemical Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology.

3. I am sure that the zeal and motivation to host this edition of ICCEIB are inspired by the success of the conference's previous editions in 2011 and 2013, thus driving the organizing committee to oversee the technical aspects of ICCEIB with greater endeavour in order to ensure that the needs of the delegates are well-attended with the warmth of the Malaysian hospitality.

4. I also believe that it is the success of ICCEIB's previous editions that gives the delegates the confidence to take part in this 2016 edition and Insya-Allah, its future editions as well. That confidence is reflected by the increased number of paper submissions for ICCEIB 2016, totalling 198 altogether.

5. With this confidence too, and taking into account the positive response for ICCEIB 2016, we look forward to receiving more current research outputs to be published in two journals that will be launched today namely the Journal on Chemical Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology (JCEIB), and the Journal on Malaysian Critical Metals (MyCM).

6. Ladies and gentlemen,

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has recently launched its official report entitled “Review of Innovation Policy: Malaysia 2016” which offers comprehensive assessment of the innovation system of individual OECD countries and partner economies, focusing on the role of government and concrete recommendations to boost innovation performance and R&D policies.

7. It is observed that despite current uncertainties and challenges in global economy, Malaysia can still maintain robust economic growth if serious efforts are taken to mobilise new sources of growth will allow Malaysia to respond to these challenges and re-energise its economy through innovation-driven productivity gains.
8. This certainly calls for continued commitment to innovation policy to support a broad-based upgrading towards more knowledge-intensive activities in services, manufacturing, and the primary and agro-food sectors with well-performing innovation system.

10. Mobilising new sources of growth, as suggested by OECD also calls for strong policy and regulatory framework to sustain our ecosystem of F, E and W – Food, Energy and Water by having our pool of technical and research talents to look into the possibility of enhancing scientific measures that are critical for the security, sustainability and preservation of food, energy and water resources.

11. As each component within the earth ecosystem is interdependent, serious efforts are needed to preserve the environment which also provides us with the comfort of food, water and energy, thus necessitating a holistic global framework, and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals or Agenda 2030, adopted on September 25, 2015 are reflective of this concern through its 17 goals to transform the world with specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.

12. This conference therefore is the right intellectual platform for our delegates of diverse professional, academic and technical backgrounds to engage in serious discourse and debate to address related issues on food, energy and water resources sustainability from the perspectives of chemical engineering and industrial biotechnology.

13. Ladies and gentlemen,

Honouring the efforts made to organize this conference, I would like to extend my heartiest appreciation and congratulations to the members of the organizing committee from the Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering of UMP for their unwavering endeavour, commitment and dedication.

14. To all conference speakers, delegates and participants, I wish you all a fruitful discourse and deliberations and it is my earnest hope that you have a pleasant stay and meaningful time here in the Historical City of Melaka with the warmth of our hospitality.

15. With that, in the name of Allah, the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, I hereby declare the Third International Conference on Chemical Engineering and Industrial Biotechnology 2016 officially open.

Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.