

**SPEECH OF
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**WELCOMING NOTES
FOR
ACADEMIC RALLY ON ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

MONDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2016; 9.30 AM; MAIN LECTURE HALL

SALUTATION

Yang Hormat Professor Dato' Dr. Zularisam Ab Wahid,
Dean, Faculty of Engineering Technology;

Our guests from Northern Illinois University:

Dr. Christopher McCord - Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences;
(The provost representatives)

Professor Dr. Omar Ghayeb - Interim Dean, College of Engineering
and Engineering Technology;

Professor Dr. Cliff Mirman - Chair, Department of Technology,
College of Engineering and Engineering Technology;

Professor Dr. Judy Ledgerwood - Director of Center for Southeast
Asia Studies;

Distinguished panels of the Forum:

Dr. Zainul Asri Mamat; Managing Director TNB Research Sdn Bhd

Professor Dr. Omar Ghrayeb, Interim Dean, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology; and

Professor Emeritus Dato' Ir Abang Abdullah Abang Ali, Board Member, Malaysian Board of Technology;

Faculty members;

UMP students;

Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalammualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera, Salam 1Malaysia and a very good morning.

1. First and foremost, I am truly delighted that I have the honour of welcoming our partner from Northern Illinois University who has been working with us closely since 2011 and also to the panels of the forum.

2. Today marks another milestone for engineering technology as we become known to public by the official launching of Malaysian Board of Technology (MBOT) on 17 November 2016 recently. With the Act Technologists and Technicians Act of 2015 in place, it is the right time for Faculty of Engineering Technology organised this Academic Rally on Engineering Technology. With the theme Engineering Technology Is The Future, we at UMP are aligning and positioning ourselves to be in line with one of the strategic leaps of Pelan Pembangunan Pendidikan Malaysia 2015-2025 under Quality Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Graduates.

Ladies and gentlemen;

3. This Academic Rally opens with a MOU binding for a dual degree program with Northern Illinois University for three engineering technology programs which are electrical, manufacturing and energy & environmental. The Dual Degree program is between Faculty of Engineering Technology, Universiti Malaysia Pahang

and College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, Northern Illinois University, USA.

4. Combining UMP's strength in engineering technology with NIU's expertise, the UMP-NIU Dual Degree Program is a prominent program that brings out the best of both worlds. Both degrees are accredited by each local accreditation body i.e UMP by MQA (Malaysian Qualifications Agency) while NIU by ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology). Benefits of having two degrees are one could optimize time and money, improve job prospects, enhance ability to lead in global arena and expand network globally.

Ladies and gentlemen;

5. Another part of this Academic Rally is The Forum on The Involvement and Importance of Engineering Technology In Industries. This forum is mainly to serve as a catalyst to make known of the engineering technology and its importance that it would bring to industries. Bringing in together 3 experts in their own field, this forum will try to answers most of the question on

the involvement and importance of engineering technology in industries.

6. We are honoured to have with us today Dr.Zainul Asri Mamat – Managing Director, TNB Research; Professor Dr. Omar A Ghrayeb – Interim Dean, College of Engineering and Engineering Technology, NIU and Professor Emeritus Dato' Ir Abang Abdullah Abang Ali – Board Member, Malaysian Board Of Technology, moderated by Dean of from Faculty of Engineering Technology himself, Professor Dato' Dr. Zularisam Ab Wahid.

Ladies and gentlemen;

7. Last part of this Academic Rally is MBOT booth that opens in the hall way. Giving you information on the information on what Malaysian Board of Technology is all about.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. Honoring the efforts made to organize this Academic Rally, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to Professor

Dato' Dr. Zularisam Ab Wahid and the rest of FTeK staff for their unwavering commitment and dedication.

Thank you,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.