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SEMPENA
MAJLIS PELANCARAN PERSATUAN PELAJAR SISWAZAH UNIVERSITI
MALAYSIA PAHANG PADA HARI RABU, 22 OKTOBER 2008 PUKUL 2.30
PETANG DI DEWAN BANKUET, UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG**

SALUTASI

Yang Berusaha Saudara Pengacara Majlis;

Yang Berbahagia Profesor Dr. Mohd. Ridzuan bin Nordin,
Dekan Pusat Pengajian Siswazah;

Pegawai-pegawai Utama Universiti Malaysia Pahang;

Dekan-dekan dan Ketua-ketua Pusat Tanggungjawab;

Para pelajar pasca siswazah;

Hadirin yang dihormati sekalian.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh
dan Salam Sejahtera.

1. Alhamdulillah, setinggi-tinggi kesyukuran dirafakkan ke hadrat Allah Taala, kerana dengan limpah rahmat, kurnia dan izin-Nya, maka saya dapat bersama saudara dan saudari sekalian dalam majlis pada petang ini.
2. Terlebih dahulu izinkan saya merakamkan ucapan terima kasih dan penghargaan kepada Pusat Pengajian Siswazah yang diterajui oleh Yang Berbahagia Profesor Dr. Mohd. Ridzuan bin Nordin di atas undangan untuk saya bersuai kenal dengan para pelajar siswazah dan seterusnya merasmikan pelancaran Kelab Pelajar Siswazah pada hari ini.

3. Ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to join you all this afternoon at the launching of Graduate Student Club of Universiti Malaysia Pahang. I warmly welcome our graduate students who are present and I thank you all for choosing Universiti Malaysia Pahang as the place to pursue your postgraduate degrees. Indeed, you have made the right choice.

4. Ladies and gentlemen,

The establishment of UMP's Postgraduate Students Association would enhance the cooperation between the graduate students and the management of this University. We do have the Student Representative

Council or MPP to represent the undergraduates but there is no official body that represents our postgraduate students.

5. Therefore the establishment of the Postgraduate Students Association or PGSA of UMP is timely and it is my sincere hope that PGSA would be able to play its role effectively and functions within the framework of its Constitution. I must congratulate Brother Abbas Salimi Lokman and his team for pioneering the initiative to form this club.
6. There are currently 107 students at post-graduate level in this University with 43 students pursuing their PhDs and 64 students pursuing their Masters. UMP is committed to increase the enrollment of graduate students to this University and Insyah-Allah, we are doing our level best to promote and market our post-graduate programmes locally and internationally.
7. The Ministry of Higher Education aspires that Malaysia would become the hub of higher education where students from around the world come to study here at undergraduate and post-graduate levels. Being relatively new, the biggest challenge for us in UMP is to make us known at the international level. At present, from 107 postgraduate students, only 26 are international students. But Insyah-Allah, through right branding and marketing strategies plus intensified effort to promote the University at the

international level, more students will come and study here. I believe that PGSA members could help the University in this regard especially in promoting UMP at your respective countries or regions.

8. Speaking about challenge, the greatest challenge for the leadership and members of PGSA at present is to achieve its vision, mission and the objectives as stated in the Constitution. I believe that the leadership of PGSA could provide us with the relevant information and suggestion to improve the quality of our services to the post-graduate students. High quality services and facilities would certainly create dynamic academic environment that is conducive for postgraduate studies, as stated in your vision.
9. Big things have small beginnings. Facilitating interaction and collaborative effort among postgraduate students, providing support to fellow postgraduate students, channelling the views and feedback to the management of the University, creating dynamic student-life environment towards enhancing academic excellence and organizing academic and social activities for postgraduate students are among the key challenges for the leadership and members of this Association.
10. Towards realizing the aspiration, PGSA has to prove that it is worth of representing, serving and protecting the interest and welfare of

postgraduate students in this University. In this regard, I believe that the Centre for Graduate Studies is always at hand to advise, assist and guide PGSA to perform its roles and duties within the framework of the Constitution. At the same time the postgraduate students have to show their support by enlisting as members of PGSA and taking active part in the activities organized by the Association.

11. I thank you for the invitation and I look forward to meeting you again in future. I hereby launch the UMP Postgraduate Students Association.

Thank you.