



CLOSING REMARKS BY
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AT THE
CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE DPA 1/2011 PARTICIPANTS

TIME: 8.45 A.M.

DATE: 18 FEBRUARY 2012 (SATURDAY)

VENUE: PUTERI PACIFIC HOTEL, JOHOR BAHRU

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (INTAN)

OFFICIALS FROM INTAN AND IDFR

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, PARTICIPANTS OF THE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC
MANAGEMENT (DPA) 1/2011

SALAM SEJAHTERA AND SALAM SATU MALAYSIA

ON BEHALF OF YBHG. DATO' KU JAAFAR KU SHAARI, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF THE INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS (IDFR), IT GIVES
ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO MARK THE OFFICIAL
CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS MODULE (IR) FOR DPA 1/2011, SIDANG E AND F.

2. TO BEGIN WITH, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE. YOUR
ACCOMPLISHMENT IS UNDENIABLY OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO THE
INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, IDFR.

3. ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO INTAN FOR ENTRUSTING IDFR TO CONDUCT THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE. I MUST SAY, THE PRIVILEGE IS CERTAINLY RECOGNITION GIVEN TO IDFR AS THE TRAINING ARM IN THE AREA OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. INDEED, IDFR TOO HAS A ROLE TO PLAY AS PART OF THE TRAINING GROUND IN THE EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE OF MALAYSIAN PTD OFFICERS.

4. NEEDLESS TO SAY AS WELL, IDFR AND INTAN WORKING TOGETHER IN TRAINING THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF CIVIL SERVICE OFFICERS IS DEFINITELY A MARKED COLLABORATION WHICH EMPHASIZES THAT OUR AIM IS ALIKE, TO PRODUCE ALL ROUNDED CORPS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS WHO WILL BE THE COUNTRY'S FRONT LINERS IN THE FUTURE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

5. I KNOW THAT THE LAST FEW DAYS MAY HAVE BEEN FRANTIC FOR SOME OF YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN TAKEN THROUGH OR RATHER WHIZZED THROUGH THE IR MODULE, EXPOSED TO SOME ASPECTS OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

6. I MUST ADMIT THAT THE TWO DAYS OF LECTURES, ONE DAY OF PRESENTATION AND CONCLUDED BY THIS STUDY VISIT IS RATHER TOO SHORT SPAN OF TIME. IDFR, IN OUR CAPACITY HAS MADE SUPERLATIVE

EFFORT TO DELIVER WHAT IS BEST NEEDED FOR ALL OF YOU TO HAVE GLIMPSES OF WHAT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS ALL ABOUT. INADEQUATE WE MAY SAY, YET, SUFFICIENT TO OPEN YOUR EYES AND PAVE YOUR INITIAL STRIDES IN FINDING YOUR RIGHT FOOTING AS A CIVIL SERVICE OFFICER

7. I AM MOST CERTAIN THAT YOU HAVE GAINED TREMENDOUS INFORMATION FROM THE TALKS BY WISMA PUTRA IN RESPECT TO MALAYSIAN PERSPECTIVE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

8. ON TOP OF THIS, YOU WERE ALSO GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DIGEST VARIOUS NUANCES AND APPROACHES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE PRACTITIONERS AND EXPERTS THEMSELVES. TO PUT IT INTO THE PERSPECTIVE, YOU HAVE LISTENED TO THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELLOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SHARING WITH YOU THE WESTERN VIEWS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

9. DESPITE ALL THE UNCERTAINTIES FACED IN THE WORLD TODAY, DIPLOMACY IS STILL THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANNEL FOR MALAYSIA, AND MANY COUNTRIES IN THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF PEACE, SECURITY AND PROGRESS. YOU MAY HAVE FOUND AND EXPERIENCED THROUGH THE MODULE THAT MALAYSIAN DIPLOMATS HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO WORK WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY OF THE NON-STATE

VARIETY, BOTH ABROAD AND AT HOME. THIS WOULD BE PART OF THE WEIGHT ON YOUR SHOULDERS SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO BE AT WISMA PUTRA.

10. AND ACHIEVING THIS LEVEL REQUIRES A LOT OF LEARNING AND TRAINING. SKILLS IN DIPLOMACY ARE NOT ACQUIRED OVER NIGHTLY NOR CAN IT BE ACHIEVED BY MERELY READING BOOKS. ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN WITH IDFR FOR THESE LAST FEW DAYS, I WOULD STILL LIKE TO ADVISE ALL OF YOU TO CONTINUE LEARNING ON THE SUBJECT OF DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

11. I VOUCH THAT THIS NEW GENERATION, IN THE MIDST OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND FAST PACED DEVELOPMENT, IN THE ROCKING ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL UNCERTAINTIES, BE THE GENERATION WHO IS TECH SAVVY, STREET SMART AND BOOK SMART AND I QUOTE WHAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IDFR WOULD SAY, A GENERATION WITH MINDS ON, HANDS ON AND HEARTS ON, PAINT DIPLOMACY WITH FRESH, LOUD AND IMPACTFUL COLORS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

12. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND ALL OF YOU THAT THAT WE SHOULD ALL, ALWAYS HAVE THE POSITIVE MIND TO ABSORB NEW THINGS WITH PROPER FILTRATION. ONLY BY DOING THIS, THE PROCESS OF KNOWLEDGE-ENRICHING

WOULD DEVELOP, AND ONCE YOU PUT IT INTO PRACTICE, THEN YOU CAN CALL IT AN EXPERIENCE THAT CANNOT BE BOUGHT FROM THE SHELVES.

13. THERE ARE STILL ZILLIONS OF OTHER THINGS THAT YOU MAY LEARN THROUGH YOUR ENGAGEMENTS WITH EITHER THE LOCAL OR FOREIGN OFFICERS IN MALAYSIA. I DO HOPE THAT ON YOUR PART, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO LEARN, RENEW AND DEVELOP THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AT YOUR OWN PERSONAL TIME.

14. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IDFR HAS MAPPED OUT A LOT OF OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMMES IN WHICH ALL OF YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM. CLASSES ARE REGULARLY CONDUCTED ESPECIALLY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE. PLEASE FIND TIME TO JOIN THESE CLASSES. LOOK UP FOR THE OFFERS AT OUR WEB PAGE. OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

15. BEFORE I END MY SPEECH, IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE HAS OPEN A WINDOW IN PROVIDING ALL OF YOU ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO PREPARE YOUR JOURNEY IN BECOMING A FULL FLEDGE PTD OFFICERS. IT IS ALSO MY HOPE THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE BUILT YOUR INTEREST TO JOIN WISMA PUTRA AND SERVE AS A MALAYSIAN DIPLOMAT IN THE FUTURE.

16. FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO BE IN THIS LINE OF WORK, IF I MAY SAY SO. YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO ADJUST YOURSELVES TO DIFFERENT CLIMATES, CULTURAL PRACTISES AND CUSTOMS; WHICH CAN BE VERY TAXING, HARD AND EVEN CHALLENGING.

17. ONCE AGAIN I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO THANK INTAN FOR PUTTING THE TRUST IN IDFR IN CONDUCTING THIS MODULE.

18. ON THAT NOTE, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE FOR DPA PARTICIPANTS 1/2011 SIDANG E AND SIDANG F OFFICIALLY CLOSED.

THANK YOU.