

20/08/2016 - Closing Remarks For CAPAM 2016 Biennial Conference Closing Ceremony

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh,

Good afternoon and Salam 1Malaysia.

The Honourable Dato' Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi
Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia and Minister of Home Affairs

Distinguished delegates and honoured guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

1. We have arrived at the end of a very enlightening and productive Conference after 3 days of thoughtful deliberation on the theme, **Innovation: A Public Service Imperative**. I believe, all of us have learned from the sharing of knowledge and best practices in all the sessions of this Conference that innovation is indeed an imperative and a catalyst in public service transformation around the world.
2. Innovation is a fuel that drives social change, economic growth, political stability and environmental sustainability. Most importantly, in facing the current challenges and the rise of the 'new normal', innovation is a key driver and catalyst that enables the Public Service to serve the people with value added and cost efficient services.
3. Both the Conference Statements and Statement from the 6th Commonwealth Ministers' Forum will serve as invaluable guides that will become an enlightening torch for our transformation journey in our respective countries across the Commonwealth.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. On behalf of the Government of Malaysia and CAPAM, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and deepest appreciation to the speakers, moderators and delegates once again for making this year's conference a successful event. It has been an enriching experience for all of us, and as the host country, it has been a pleasure for us to serve you with our full Malaysian hospitality. What is the important, is the friendship and networking that have been forged by the conference participants during these past few days.

5. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to all members of the Organising Committee across all the Ministries and Agencies, coordinated by MAMPU, and to the CAPAM Secretariat headed by Ms. Gay Hamilton for the hard work and perseverance in ensuring the smooth running of this conference. Without the active engagement and commitment from each and every one of you, this conference would not have yielded such positive results. Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you for your constant support and confidence in granting Malaysia the honour to host this conference.

Terima kasih and Thank you.

Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

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