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PARA GRADUAN DAN KELUARGA SERTA SAUDARA SAUDARI YANG DIHORMATI SEKALIAN.

1. SYUKUR ALHAMDULILLAH KE HADRAT ALLAH SUBHANAHU WATA'ALA KERANA DENGAN LIMPAH KURNIA NYA KITA DAPAT BERKUMPUL PADA PAGI YANG MULIA INI. TERLEBIH DAHULU SAYA INGIN MERAKAMKAN SETINGGI-TINGGI TAHNIAH KEPADA PARA GRADUAN KERANA BERJAYA MENGHARUNGI PELBAGAI CABARAN DAN PADA HARI INI AKAN DIANUGERAHKAN IJAZAH YANG DICITA-CITAKAN.

2. SAYA PERCAYA PARA GRADUAN AKAN MERAIKAN SAAT-SAAT GEMBIRA INI DENGAN BANGGANYA BERSAMA IBU BAPA, ISTERI, ANAK-ANAK SERTA KAUM KELUARGA YANG TELAH BANYAK MEMBERI SOKONGAN DAN DORONGAN KEPADA SAUDARA-SAUDARI. OLEH ITU, SEMESTINYA PARA GRADUAN SEMUA PERLU SEDAR BAHAWA TANPA SOKONGAN DAN GALAKAN KELUARGA, SAUDARA SAUDARI TIDAK MUNGKIN AKAN BERADA DI MENARA GADING.

3. HADIRIN SEKELIAN, IZINKAN SAYA MENERUSKAN UCAPAN SAYA DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

4. IT IS A GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO SERVE AS CHANCELLOR OF OPEN UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA. AS SOMEONE WHO FIRMLY BELIEVES IN LIFELONG LEARNING, I AM INSPIRED BY O.U.M'S MISSION TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO BETTER THEMSELVES.

5. TODAY, AS I STAND ON THIS PODIUM, I SEE A DIVERSE GROUP OF GRADUATES, AND I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT O.U.M HAS TRULY LIVED UP TO ITS MOTTO AS A UNIVERSITY FOR ALL.

6. I AM EVEN MORE PROUD THAT O.U.M OPENS ITS DOORS TO THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY DID NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES. NOT EVERYONE HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH A SMOOTH SAILING PATH IN EDUCATION, FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY AND STRAIGHT TO HIGHER EDUCATION.

7. MANY HAD TO SACRIFICE THEIR DREAMS DUE TO VARIOUS CONSTRAINTS, SUCH AS FINANCIAL OR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES. WHILST OTHERS MAY HAVE OPTED TO WORK IMMEDIATELY, AND LATER REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF PURSUING EDUCATION TO ITS PEAK FOR SELF-BETTERMENT. EDUCATION IS THE KEY FOR SUCCESS IN LIFE, AND THAT IS WHAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY.

8. I BELIEVE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS O.U.M PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SOCIETY BY OFFERING SUITABLE COURSES, BE IT ACADEMIC OR HANDS-ON IN NATURE TO ATTRACT THE YOUNG AND OLD. THERE ARE MANY WHO COME FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HARDKNOCKS AND NOW THEY TOO CAN PURSUE THEIR DEGREE.

9. AT THIS JUNCTURE, I WISH TO APPLAUD THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR ITS FAR-SIGHTEDNESS IN PROVIDING THE AVENUE FOR NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES HERE. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT TO-DATE, A TOTAL OF 5,465 OF THESE TEACHERS HAVE GRADUATED FROM OPEN UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

10. IN THIS GRAND HALL, I CALL UPON THE GRADUATES OF DECEMBER 2007 TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY WELL, WITH INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM. IT IS NOW TIME TO GIVE BACK TO SOCIETY AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NATION BUILDING. TELL OTHERS OF YOUR SUCCESS STORY. TELL THEM THAT THEY TOO HAVE A CHANCE TO GET A DEGREE AND BECOME SUCCESSFUL, MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND SHOW THEM THAT YOU CARE. THIS ENSURES FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO REAP THE BENEFITS THAT WE SOW TODAY.

11. AS CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY, IT IS MY ASPIRATION THAT OUR GRADUATES WILL CONTINUE WITH THE TRADITION TO SEEK FOR KNOWLEDGE, TO NOT ONLY BETTER OURSELVES, BUT ALSO TO BENEFIT OTHERS. YOU HAVE NOW REACHED A NEW LEVEL OF MASTERY IN YOUR RESPECTIVE FIELDS. YOUR THOUGHTS AND VIEWS WILL BE SOUGHT BY MANY, AND CERTAINLY EVALUATED BY OTHERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

12. TWENTY YEARS AGO, TODAY, I LOST MY BEST FRIEND, MY MUM. SHE HAS TAUGHT ME SO MANY THINGS ABOUT LIFE, AND ONE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU IS PERSEVERENCE. SHE TAUGHT ME NEVER TO GIVE UP HOPE AND TO ALWAYS PRAY, AS GOOD THINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES WILL COME BY AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO SEEK FOR IT!

SIDANG HADIRIN YANG DIHORMATI SEKALIAN,

13. SAYA AKHIRI UCAPAN SAYA PADA PAGI INI DENGAN DOA SEMOGA PARA GRADUAN AKAN TERUS MELANGKAH DENGAN YAKIN DALAM SETIAP BIDANG YANG DICEBURI.

14. JANGAN LUPA JASA-JASA SERTA PENGORBANAN YANG TELAH DIBERIKAN OLEH ANGGOTA KELUARGA SAUDARA-SAUDARI. KEPADA AHLI-AHLI KELUARGA, SAYA UCAPKAN SELAMAT PULANG KE DESTINASI MASING-MASING DAN SEMOGA SELAMAT DALAM PERJALANAN.

SEKIAN, TERIMA KASIH.