



WELCOMING REMARKS BY

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AT THE

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE

FOR THE DPA 1/2011 PARTICIPANTS

TIME: 9.00 A.M.

DATE: 13 FEBRUARY 2012 (MONDAY)

VENUE: AUDITORIUM, IDFR

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OFFICIALS FROM THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (INTAN)

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 IDFR, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND MY WARM WELCOME TO
THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT (DPA) 1/2011 TO
THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE CONDUCTED BY THE INSTITUTE OF
DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, IDFR.

2. I WAS MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DPA MODULE BEGAN LAST 1
OCTOBER 2010 AND WILL END ON 30 MARCH 2012 WITH A TOTAL NUMBER 433
PARTICIPANTS RANGING FROM DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
MINISTRIES. I WAS ALSO MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE PRESENT HERE
ARE THE PARTICIPANTS FROM SIDANG E AND F. PRIOR TO THIS SIDANG A AND
B HAD GONE THROUGH THE IR MODULE FROM 8 – 12 NOVEMBER 2011.

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN

3. AS ALL OF YOU MAY BE AWARE, IDFR IS THE TRAINING ARM FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WISMA PUTRA SPECIALISING IN DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. THROUGHOUT 2011, IDFR HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED ALL ITS PRE-PLANNED PROGRAMMES WHICH INCLUDE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS. IN 2011, IDFR HAS CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 51 TRAINING AND LANGUAGE COURSES WHICH SAW THE PARTICIPATION OF 1371 LOCAL PARTICIPANTS AND 105 INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS. TODAY ONCE AGAIN, IDFR HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED BY INTAN TO BARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONDUCTING THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE THAT WILL RUN TILL THE END OF THE WEEK.

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4. BRIEFLY, DIPLOMACY IS THE MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BY NEGOTIATION. IT IS THE METHOD BY WHICH THESE RELATIONS ARE ADJUSTED AND MANAGED BY AMBASSADORS AND ENVOYS. THE PRACTICE OF DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO EVOLVE AND IT HAS BEEN THE TASK OF IDFR TO ENSURE AND PROVIDE THE PROPER TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

5. IN RELATION TO THIS, IDFR THUS CONDUCTS COURSES THAT ARE STRICTLY DESIGNED FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF THE KNOWLEDGE IN

DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS. BY THIS VIRTUE, IDFR OFFERS TRAINING PROGRAMMES SUCH AS THE DIPLOMATIC INDUCTION COURSE, THE PRE-POSTING COURSE FOR OFFICERS AND SPOUSE (SPKM), THE PRE-POSTING COURSE FOR SECOND SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, THE ORIENTATION COURSE FOR HEADS OF MISSION AND SPOUSES, THE DIPLOMATIC TRAINING COURSE FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS AND THE PRESTIGIOUS DIPLOMA IN DIPLOMACY (DID) WHICH IS HELD FOR SIX MONTHS.

6. IN COMPARISON TO THIS FIVE DAYS IR MODULE, DID IS A MORE INTENSIVE PROGRAMME TO TRAIN, GROOM AND MOULD OUR YOUNG DIPLOMATS IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF BEING A WISMA PUTRA OFFICER. IT IS HENCE DESIGNED TO PREPARE AND EQUIP PARTICIPANTS WITH MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SKILLS INCLUDING LINGUISTIC AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND ACQUIRE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TO PERFORM AND EXCEL IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTIES AS DIPLOMATS BOTH, AT HOME AND ABROAD. THIS YEAR IDFR WILL BE CONDUCTING THE DID PROGRAMME STARING IN APRIL TILL SEPTEMBER AND I AM SURE THOSE OF YOU FROM WISMA PUTRA WILL BE SELCTED TO ATTEND THIS COURSE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

7. ALL OF YOU ARE PRESENT HERE TODAY TO FULFIL THE OBJECTIVE OF THE IR MODULE WHICH IS TO BUILD GLOBAL THINKING MALAYSIAN OFFICERS

THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH RESOURCEFUL AND MULTITALENTED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN DIPLOMACY.

8. IDFR ON OUR PART HAS ARRANGED SEVERAL TALKS AND A STUDY VISIT TO THE HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA IN SINGAPORE TO FAMILIARIZE AND BUILD YOUR FOUNDATION TO UNDERSTAND DIPLOMACY, PUBLIC DIPLOMACY, LANGUAGE AND DIPLOMACY AND THE ART OF NEGOTIATIONS. YOU WILL GAIN KNOWLEDGE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MALAYSIAN FOREIGN POLICY, UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE IMPORTANT CURRENT GLOBAL ISSUES THAT IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR COUNTRY AND RELATE TO THE WORK THAT WISMA PUTRA DOES WHEN WE ARE ABROAD IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

9. NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU SHOULD ALL BE ATTENTIVE AND PARTICIPATIVE TO ALL THE PROGRAMMES THAT WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR IT IS ALL TO YOUR ADVANTAGE. LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN DURING THIS MODULE AND DO NOT FORGET THAT ALL OF YOU ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PREPARE A GROUP PROJECT PAPER PRESENTATION THIS WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2012 ON TOPICS SUCH AS ISLAMIC DIPLOMACY IN THE CURRENT WORLD SITUATION, GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF THE MODERATES, MALAYSIA'S ROLE TOWARDS THE FORMATION OF ASEAN COMMUNITY 2015, THE ARABIAN SPRING AND MANY OTHERS.

10. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT BY THE END OF THIS MODULE, SOME OF YOU WILL BUILD YOUR INTEREST TO JOIN WISMA PUTRA AND SERVE AS A DIPLOMAT. MY REMARKS TO ALL OF YOU IS GOOD LUCK IN ACHIEVING YOUR DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND ENJOY THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MODULE.

ON THAT NOTE, I THANK YOU.