

**TEKS UCAPAN NAIB CANSELOR UTM
Y.BHG. PROF DATO' IR. DR. ZAINI BIN UJANG
DI MAJLIS PELANCARAN
'ISKANDAR MALAYSIA UTM RESEARCH CENTRE'
PADA 14 MAC 2009
DI DANGA BAY, JOHOR BAHRU**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله رب العالمين
والصلاة والسلام على أشرف الأنبياء والمرسلين،
وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين.

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
And A Very Good Morning

**Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Hj. Abdul Ghani bin Othman, Chief Minister of
Johor,**

**Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin, Minister of Higher
Education Malaysia,**

Yang Berhormat Dato' Abd. Latif, State Secretary of Johor,

Yang Berhormat Ahli Majlis Kerajaan Negeri Johor,

Ahli-ahli Yang Berhormat,

Directors and Heads of Department of the Johor State Government,

CEOs of Khazanah Malaysia, IRDA, IIB, UEM Berhad,

**Members of the Board of Directors of the Iskandar Malaysia UTM Research
Centre,**

**Honourable investors, distinguished guests, and last but not least my
colleagues from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia,**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are indeed very grateful to have both the YAB Chief Minister of Johor and the YB Minister of Higher Education as our guests of honour for the launching of Iskandar Malaysia UTM Research Centre (IMREC) today. To the YAB MB, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your consent to officiate this event. Thank you for your time, support and commitment. To the YB Minister of Higher Education, your presence today is certainly very meaningful to us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your valuable advice and guidance. We hope for your continuous support and assistance to develop IMREC to greater heights.

We would like to extend our warm welcome to all our distinguished guests especially to the EXCO Members of the Johor State government, the members of Board of Directors of the Iskandar Malaysia UTM Research Centre, Ahli-ahli Y. Berhormat Wakil Rakyat of the Johor State, the CEOs of Khazanah Malaysia, IRDA, IIB, UEM Berhad, Directors and Heads of Department of the Johor State, honourable investors, invited guests, and last but not least my colleagues from UTM.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Strategically located within the Iskandar Malaysia region, the establishment of IMREC is timely as UTM, being a premier university in engineering and technology in the region, could play a significant role and take part in Iskandar Malaysia by providing expert advice, professional services and research and development in

relevant areas which are pertinent towards the development of the region. We hope that the establishment of IMREC an intellectual platform will act as the platform for the UTM academic staff to interface with the industry and the government departments of Johor on issues of concern, aiming towards the successful development of Iskandar Malaysia. Ultimately, we aim to become more accessible to our stakeholders, clients and the local community by exploring opportunities to cooperate and provide assistance where required.

IMREC will become the front-desk of UTM to respond to enquiries related to our expertise from relevant parties on top of providing Research and Development expertise and advisory services related to our expertise. IMREC will also conduct training and academic programmes, seminars, talks, and public lectures and publications relevant to Iskandar Malaysia initiatives. I am also pleased to announce the fact that UTM is the biggest generator of Intellectual Property in Malaysia, far ahead of MIMOS which is in the second place, by almost 50%. As an IP-centric university, UTM has a pool of expertise and competent staff able to serve Iskandar Malaysia in various disciplines as stated in the IMREC profile. Thus far, we have not less than 50 experts in water management, 20 in nano technology, 200 in ICT, 100 in energy management and more than 100 in built environment and property management, not to mention many other in various areas of expertise. The numbers listed in the book represent the experts in the field who are of world class stature.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the members of the Board of Directors of IMREC and thank them for accepting the offer to serve IMREC. My best wishes to for their coming endeavours and future undertakings.

Last but not least, a vote of thanks to the organising committee members, Danga Bay Berhad, IIB, IRDA and all our neighbours here for their consent in using their premises, the police personnel on duty today, the staff of the Federal and State Departments involved in this event, and all parties involved in organising and making this event a success.

Thank you.

وبالله التوفيقُ والهداية،
والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.