



Welcoming Messages

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Welcome to the International Conference on Lifelong Learning 2011 (ICLLL2011), and to our foreign participants, Selamat Datang to the capital city of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

It gives us great pleasure to work together with the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and e-ASEM in bringing this Conference to you. As one of the leading open and distance learning universities in Malaysia, OUM is constantly striving to make higher education more accessible to the masses as a way to help the Government's efforts to upgrade the nation's workforce. It is through the continuous education of our people that Malaysia can reach higher levels of progress and growth.

But what is more important is that Malaysia now has concrete policies to further enculturate lifelong learning among the population. The Blueprint on the Enculturation of Lifelong Learning for Malaysia 2011-2020 outlines various strategies, initiatives and plans that will be undertaken by the Government to encourage lifelong learning and raise the capability of the country's human capital.

Lifelong learning is about making the acquisition of knowledge a permanent part of our lives. The knowledge we possess may be enough for today but not tomorrow. Rapid advancements, global changes and increasing competitiveness require us to constantly prepare for what tomorrow may bring. Hence, continuous learning must become a part of our culture if we want to progress. This is a message relevant not only for Malaysians but others as well, which is why this Conference is being held at the international level. We feel the theme – Transforming Nations through Enculturation of Lifelong Learning – is very timely not only for Malaysia but for other countries too.

This Conference is an ideal platform for experts and practitioners across the globe to discuss issues related to lifelong learning. You can also look forward to hearing from keynote speakers and other presenters on the present challenges and future trends of lifelong learning.

Once again, on behalf of OUM, I would like to welcome you to the launch of the national blueprint on the enculturation of lifelong learning and the website, as well as to this Conference. It is our hope that together, we can open new pathways for the provision and promotion of lifelong learning.



Warm regards,

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Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Anuwar Ali
President/Vice-Chancellor of Open
University Malaysia

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Assalamualaikum wbt. dan Salam Sejahtera.

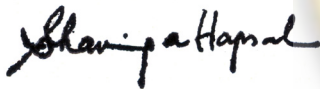
It gives me great pleasure, as co-host, to welcome all of you to the International Conference on Lifelong Learning 2011.

The theme of this year's conference, 'Transforming Nations through Enculturation of Lifelong Learning' is timely because it reflects the critical role of learning in effecting change. Indeed, I hope you will examine personal, social and professional factors as they interact to provide the driving forces for change and consequently the learning that occurs to empower an individual to achieve the desired results thus is the essence of lifelong learning.

I congratulate the organising committee comprising members from the e-ASEM, the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, Open University of Malaysia and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia for their remarkable effort to gather academicians, practitioners and policy makers from around the world to address contemporary issues on lifelong learning.

I wish you all the best.

Thank you.



**Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Wira Dr. Sharifah Hapsah
Syed Hasan Shahabudin**
Vice-Chancellor
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia



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The Malaysian Government is aware of the impact of lifelong learning in ensuring that the nation stays competitive and enjoys sustainable growth. Consequently, lifelong learning will continue to be on the Government's main agenda in the years to come to ensure the country fulfils its aspiration of becoming a knowledge-based economy by 2020. The National Blueprint on Lifelong Learning has been developed to provide the road map for us to realise this vision.

It gives me great pleasure today, to welcome all of you to the Launch of the National Blueprint for the Enculturation of Lifelong Learning and the International Conference on Lifelong Learning 2011 (ICLLL2011), with the theme "Transforming Nations through Enculturation of Lifelong Learning".

As an offshoot to the Blueprint, the Conference was planned to discuss pertinent issues on lifelong learning and the role of higher education in generating knowledge to drive and transform the community, and in widening access and equity in higher education.

This Conference will provide an excellent platform for the exchange of views on issues and challenges related to recognition and accreditation of non-formal and informal learning, implementation policies, technology applications as well as cultural and social barriers in the enculturation of lifelong learning, from both local and international perspectives.

The presence of international participants means this is also an excellent opportunity for us to network, learn from each other, and share experiences. The Conference will, hopefully, enlighten us on new initiatives and implementation policies adopted by various countries as well as the challenges and problems faced.

I wish to thank everyone for participating in this Conference. It is my hope that this initiative will set the stage for fruitful and insightful discussions as well as pave the way for future collaborations on issues pertaining to lifelong learning.

To our foreign participants, we wish you a pleasant stay in Kuala Lumpur. Take time to explore our beautiful country and experience the melting pot of cultures here.



Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form the name 'Mansor Fadzil'.

Professor Dr Mansor Fadzil
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