

WELCOMING SPEECH

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**THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNDERWATER SYSTEM
TECHNOLOGY: THEORY AND APPLICATIONS (USYS'14)**

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CITY BAYVIEW HOTEL, MELAKA**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh
Salah Sejahtera, Salam Satu Malaysia

Salam Melaka Maju Negeriku Sayang, Negeri Bandar Teknologi Hijau,
Melaka 752 tahun, Melaka Maju Fasa 2, Berkat, Cepat, Tepat.

Bismillahirrahmanirahim.

Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI)

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Dean, Faculty of Electrical Engineering cum Program Advisor of USYS
2014

Senior Management of UTeM, Presenters, Participants, Members of the organizing committee and Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Alhamdulillah, first and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to Allah SWT for His Blessings and Mercy has enabled us to gather here today for this auspicious and important event, **The Fifth International Conference on Underwater System Technology: Theory and Applications (USYS) 2014.**
2. We are deeply honored to have Yang Berhormat Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation with us today for the launching ceremony. Thank you Yang Berhormat Datuk.

3. On behalf of UTeM and the organizing committee, I would like to welcome all the delegates and participants to the Historic City of Melaka, a city listed as one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites where much of the 752 years of glorious history is still visible.

Pohon pauh di tepi permatang,
Pohon nangka di hujung batas;
Dari jauh tuan puan datang,
Orang Melaka menyambut ikhlas

Ladies and gentlemen,

4. The effort in organizing the USYS'14 by our very own Faculty of Electrical Engineering is nothing less than an embodiment towards achieving this noble aim. Our gratitude also goes to our collaborative partner from the Underwater Robotic Research Group (URRG), University Sains Malaysia (USM), for their assistance and cooperation.

5. As the first technical public university in Malaysia, UTeM is always enthusiastic in the latest development of science and technology. We are committed in providing a platform to bring local and international researchers, experts and practitioners together to share their ideas, findings and research outcomes in the various

aspects of education, and to discuss practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted.

6. We are indeed very fortunate to be able to have scheduled a two-day's seminar from 3rd to 4th December 2014. There are 2 keynote sessions and 3 workshops with a total of 38 papers from various perspectives of active related field to be discussed.
7. The theme that has been chosen for this conference, “Underwater Technologies: Bringing the Past to the Surface” provides a perfect and excellent platform for academicians in a broad range of synergy to share their knowledge of innovation, creativity and latest approaches in the underwater technology research.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. The presentations that will be presented in the next two days will contribute first-hand local experience, which will undoubtedly be useful to all participants. I strongly encourage all researchers to be active and innovative to embrace new challenges in our feat to strengthen the academic system at the university. In Malaysia, as we address the challenges of new economic competition and globalization, we also recognize the importance of design as a contributor to a new value-add and national competitiveness. Equally important is the power of design to enhance functionality and aesthetic values in everyday life. However, our strong focus on the creative industries is a promising driver to achieving our

vision of transforming Malaysia into a diversified, entrepreneurial and innovation-driven globalized economy. Indeed, the country depends on our ability to contribute in underwater industries issues such as controlling our straits, underwater search and rescue, marine biology reservation and underwater cables maintaining and inspection.

9. USYS'14 aims to bring together academics, researchers, scientists, and scholars to exchange and share experiences, new ideas, and innovations in the applications and uses of underwater technology in the field of electrical engineering. I sincerely hope that this conference affords you the opportunity to meet and initiate new relationships and opportunities.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

10. For your information, USYS 2014 is made possible by the collective effort and collaboration from various parties. They have been working tirelessly behind the scene in making sure that the conference is well organized and well-coordinated. And I believed that what we have witness today is the fruit of their labour. Kudos to all!
11. At this juncture, I would also like to thank the sponsors, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, for their generous contribution to this event. My sincere appreciation as well to all presenters, moderators, and participants.

12. With the enthusiasm and support from all those who are involved, I am fully confident that this conference will be a great success. Last but not least, I hope you will have a pleasant stay and an enjoyable experience in Melaka.

Anak Punai Anak Merbah
Hinggap Seekor Di Atas Batu
USYS 2014 Bermula Sudah
Mengumpul Sarjana Memberkas Ilmu

Thank You. Wabillahi Taufiq Wal hidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.