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**BBQ DINNER  
NATIONAL IMAGINE CUP COMPETITION 2011**

*4 May 2011 (Wednesday), 8.00pm, Grand Margherita Hotel, Kuching, Sarawak*

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*Bismillahirrahmanirrahim  
Assalamualaikum & a very good evening*

**(i)Salutation :**

- 1) Y.B. Datin Hajah Fatimah Abdullah  
Minister at the Sarawak Chief Minister's Office
- 2) Y.Bhg. Prof. Dr. Azali Mohamed  
Director of Student Affairs, Higher Education Department  
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- 3) Y.Bhg. Prof. Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman  
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs)) representing the Vice  
Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

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- 4) Encik Azli Jamil  
General Manager  
Microsoft Malaysia
- 5) Encik Muhamad Imran Kunalan Abdullah  
Head, Talent Business Unit  
Multimedia Corporation (MDec)

Distinguished Panel of Judges

Invited Guests

Staff and students from Participating Universities

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

**(ii) Greetings**

1. Welcome to the Imagine Cup 2011 Malaysia Welcoming BBQ Dinner. First and foremost, I'd like to extend my gratitude to YB. Datin Hjh Fatimah Abdullah, Minister at the Sarawak Chief Minister's Office for taking time off from her busy schedule to be with us tonight in this meaningful event.

**(iii) Introduction to IC**

2. The Imagine Cup is a competition aimed at inspiring students in Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) to exploit their ideas and imagination in search of feasible solutions to some of the

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toughest problems facing the world today. The Imagine Cup Challenge initiated by Microsoft Malaysia entails high commitment and passion among students to apply their knowledge, skills and passion into promising solutions that may contribute to the world's prosperity.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

**(iv) Participation IC 2011 vs 2010 & the choice of Sarawak**

3. For your information, last year, the Imagine Cup Finals saw through **29 best teams** from both public and private universities showcasing their amazing products of invention at Langkawi. Team HDC (Asia Pacific Institute of Information

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Technology (APIIT) emerged as the Champion, with Team Celestial (USM) in second place and Media Lab Studio coming in third. This 2011 event is special – we have taken the competition to Borneo : specifically Sarawak, the Land of the Hornbills. This year, **30 best teams** from the public and private universities nationwide have been shortlisted, and these teams whom will be taking on the challenge, will be introduced to us here tonight in a short while.

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## **(v) Wish & Appreciation**

Ladies & Gentlemen,

4. With the unwavering support from the Ministry of Higher Education, this competition has received more and more participations over the years with an augmented number of impressive solutions, and this is a testament that the Imagine Cup is set to remain for many more years to come. As the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Imagine Cup 2011 Malaysia Finals, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the participants the best of luck in their presentation tomorrow.

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5. My heartfelt appreciation goes to Y.B. Datin Hj Fatimah, the Minister at the Sarawak Chief Minister's Office, for allocating her precious time with us tonight. Special thanks also goes to Universiti Malaysia Sarawak for the support and assistance rendered to us throughout this competition and to our partners, Microsoft, Prestariang and MdeC – together we can contribute to the betterment of the world.

***Wabilahitaufik Walhidayah***

***Wassalammualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh***, thank you.

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