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**NATIONAL IMAGINE CUP COMPETITION 2012**

*17 May 2011 (Thursday), 8.00pm, Grand Ballroom, The Pacific Hotel,  
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah*

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***Bismillahirrahmanirrahim  
Assalamualaikum & a very good evening***

**(i) Salutation:**

- 1) YAB Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman,  
Chief Minister of Sabah
- 2) Mr. Moorthy Uppaluri  
Corporate General Manager for Microsoft Academic Program
- 3) Mr. Ananth Lazarus  
Managing Director  
Microsoft Malaysia

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- 4) Dr Abu Hassan Ismail  
Chief Executive Officer  
Prestariang (M) Sdn Bhd
- 5) Encik Muhamad Imran Kunalan Abdullah  
General Manager, K-Worker  
Multimedia Corporation (MDec)
- 6) Y.Bhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Kamaruzaman Haji Ampon,  
Vice Chancellor, University Malaysia Sabah
- 7) Vice Chancellors  
Public & Private Universities
- 8) Sabah State Government, Sabah Tourism Board, Telekom  
Malaysia Sabah

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Honourable Judges

Invited Guests

Staff and students from participating universities

Ladies & gentlemen,

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**(ii) Greetings**

1. Welcome to the Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia Finals Grand Dinner and Award Presentation Ceremony. First and foremost, I'd like to bid a warm welcome to YAB Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman, Chief Minister of Sabah, who is with us tonight.

I would also like to welcome Mr. Moorty Uppaluri, the Corporate General Manager for Microsoft Academic Program, Microsoft International, honoured guests, Vice Chancellors and everyone

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who are here today to celebrate the winners of the Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia Finals.

I'm very excited to organise the annual Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia, this year in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, the beautiful island of Borneo – an island full of nature diversity, blessed with unique cultures and vibrant traditions.

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

**(iii) Related Fundamentals**

1. Malaysia as a developing nation has experienced tremendous socio-economic change and growth. The key of these successes has been our efforts in developing intellectual human capital through education and training. This is to ensure our nation remains competitive and resilient, particularly in a global economy where knowledge, science and technology are highly

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valued. Students have been introduced to many others skill, technology and project partnership industries.

2. Today, we continue to see even more stunning innovations, which reflect the creativity and innovativeness that can be achieved when you let your imagination take flight. Competition such as Imagine Cup aims at nurturing young talents in our bid to solve some of the world's toughest problems through the use of technology. This year's Imagine Cup is all geared towards developing the use of high technology that will not only benefit

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the participants but also meet the demands of new innovations in today's highly challenging world, especially in Software Design. It is also a platform for participants to enhance their knowledge on related industries, acquire creative thinking skills and apply their technical skills in ways that may impact the people around the world.

3. The Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia Finals celebrated today is a testimony of MOHE's commitment in providing ample opportunities and avenues for students in Institutions of Higher Learning to explore and put their inventions to a viability test . In

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fact, the Imagine Cup is not just a competition, it's an opportunity, a chance to show the world what our students can do, and more than that – it's a challenge.

4. A joint effort between the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia, Microsoft Malaysia, Prestariang and MDeC, I'm proud to announce that this year's Imagine Cup has recieved the full support from a number of organizations such as Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Sabah State Government, Sabah Tourism Board and Telekom Malaysia Sabah. Their unyielding support towards

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this initiative goes beyond the competition – as the outcome of today’s innovations and solutions may one day be adopted to help feed world’s population, protect the environment, improve general health and ensure universal education.

Ladies & gentlemen,

**(v) No. Of Participation, theme & international level competition**

6. Since its debut in 2003, the Imagine Cup has grown by leaps and bounds. Every year we see an increase in participation

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among students of higher learning institutions and colleges around the nation. For this year, 30 groups consisting of 20 teams from the public universities and 10 teams from the private universities have taken part. This encouraging response is a testament of the success of the Imagine Cup or popularly dubbed as ‘The Olympics of Technology’ in reaching out to the hearts of the students.

This year the theme challenges students to ‘Imagine’ a world where technology helps solve the toughest problems facing us

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today. This theme urges finalists to tackle some of issues in our country. Whether it is economic or environmental, healthcare or disaster response, we collectively face tremendous challenges. I believe the power of technology harnessed creatively by minds like your own will be instrumental in overcoming those challenges.

Tonight you will be witnessing the invention and creativity of the top three teams and the eventual champion of technology will be crowned. To all participants, kudos and congratulations for taking up the Imagine Cup challenge and to the Champion, all

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the best in your journey forward– representing Malaysia in the Worldwide Finals in Sydney, Australia later in July. We hope you continue to strive and we wish you continuous success in Sydney.

**(vi) Hopes**

**Ladies & gentlemen,**

4. Before I end, as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia Finals, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are involved in putting this Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia Finals together especially to the

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Secretariat from UTeM and the whole crew members for their unstinting effort and commitment in ensuring the smooth running of this event.

5. Last but not least, our deepest gratitude again to our partners, Microsoft Malaysia, Prestariang and MDeC, special thanks to Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Sabah State Government, Sabah Tourism Board, Sarawak Cultural Village and Telekom Sabah for your contribution and support towards the Imagine Cup 2012 Malaysia Finals.

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***Thank you and Wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.***

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