

**“UPSR INTEGRATED SUMMER CAMP”
ORGANISED BY SRI KESIDANG, UTeM AND CUBIC INDUSTRY**

SPEECH BY DATUK PROFESSOR ISMAIL BIN HASSAN, VICE CHANCELLOR OF UTeM FOR “UPSR INTEGRATED SUMMER CAMP” ORGANISED BY SRI KESIDANG, UTeM AND CUBIC INDUSTRY.

ASSALLAMUALAIKUM W.B.R & GOOD AFTERNOON

YBHG DATUK GOH SENG CHONG, CEO OF CUBIC INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING, YBHG. PROFESSOR DR ABU ABDULLAH DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLORS OF ACADEMIC & INTERNATIONAL, DATUK PROF. MADYA DR. ABU BAKAR BIN MOHAMAD DIAH, DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. HAJJAH HANIPAH HUSSIN, THE ADVISOR OF THE PROGRAM, CUBIC'S OFFICIALS, PARENTS, STUDENTS, SECRETARIATS AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.

UPSR INTEGRATED SUMMER CAMP IS JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY SRI KESIDANG, UTeM AND CUBIC INDUSTRY. THIS IS THE FIRST COLLABORATION, BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND CUBIC INDUSTRY IN ORGANIZING AN EVENT OF THIS NATURE.

THIS CAMP INVOLVES 37 STUDENTS THAT COME FROM ALL OVER MELAKA AND ALSO FROM PERAK AND JOHOR. THEY ARE THOSE CANDIDATES FOR UPSR EXAMINATION FOR THE YEAR 2007 AND 2008. THEY CONSIST OF CHILDREN OF CUBIC AND UTeM'S STAFF.

THE FACILITATORS ALSO CONSIST OF THE CUBIC AND UTeM'S STAFF; 8 FROM UTeM AND 5 FROM CUBIC INDUSTRY. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. HAJJAH HANIPAH HUSSIN FROM UTeM AND PUAN ZURAI DAH ARSHAD FROM CUBIC ARE THE ADVISORS THAT HAVE GIVEN CONTINUOUS SUPPORT TO ALL THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THEY HAVE WORKED AROUND THE CLOCK TO ENSURE THE SMOOTHNESS OF THE PROGRAM. I AM PROUD TO SEE THAT BOTH PARTIES HAVE GIVEN THEIR FULL COMMITMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. I HOPE MORE COLLABORATION WILL BE MADE IN THE FUTURE FOR THE BENEFITS OF MANKIND. IN FACT, THIS UPSR CAMP CAN BE HELD ANNUALLY IN A BIGGER SCALE, SO THAT MORE STUDENTS WILL BE BENEFITED. FURTHERMORE, CAMPS FOR FUTURE CANDIDATES OF PMR AND SPM EXAMINATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN A CONSIDERATION.

THE GOALS OF THIS CAMP ARE TO ENABLE THE CHILDREN OF BOTH STAFF FROM UTeM & CUBIC TO PREPARE FOR THE UPSR EXAMINATION THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OF THE EXPERTS FROM SCHOOLS IN MELAKA LIKE SK BUKIT LINTANG, SK TELOK MAS, SK BUKIT BHARU AND SK BATU BERENDAM I. THE TEACHERS HAVE VAST

EXPERIENCE IN EXAMINING THE PAPERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBJECT. THEY ALSO ACT AS CONSULTANTS FOR VARIOUS UPSR SEMINARS HELD IN AND OUTSIDE MELAKA. HENCE, WE ARE INDEED FORTUNATE TO HAVE THEM WITH US IN THIS CAMP.

AS WE KNOW, ENGLISH IS A TOOL OF GLOBAL SHARING. REALIZING THIS, GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA HAS URGED THAT THE MASTERY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE BE REINFORCED IN OUR YOUTH IN ORDER TO DISCOVER NEW KNOWLEDGE AND TO BE AT PAR WITH OTHER INTELLECTS GLOBALLY. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, THUS, HAS MADE ENGLISH AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION FOR BOTH MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT MALAYSIA.

BASED ON THE ABOVE FACT, WE ARE HOLDING THIS CAMP IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN SHOULDERING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF INCULCATING THE ENGLISH USAGE AMONG OUR YOUTH. VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED FOR THE STUDENTS. BESIDES ACADEMIC SKILL, COMMUNICATION SKILLS ARE ALSO STRESSED. THE CONTRIBUTION IS SEEN AS A STEP TO PRODUCE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMPETENT AND FLEXIBLE IN A GLOBAL ARENA.

IN GENERAL, THE CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT THE FOUR BASIC SKILLS OF ENGLISH WHICH ARE WRITING, LISTENING, SPEAKING AND READING. THIS IS DONE THROUGH VARIOUS FUN ACTIVITIES LIKE PRESENTING THE LOGO AND MOTTO OF THE GROUPS, SINGING ENGLISH SONGS, PARTICIPATING IN GAMES LIKE TREASURE HUNT AND GET TO KNOW YOU AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PERFORMED IN GROUPS.

GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITIES, THE THREE MAIN KEYS THAT ARE APPARENT ARE INTERACTION, SOLID TEAMWORK AND CREATIVITY THAT ARE DEVELOPED AMONG THE STUDENTS. THE BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS IS ENFORCED TO ENSURE STUDENTS WILL GAIN CONFIDENCE IN USING THE LANGUAGE. BY COMBINING ALL THE ELEMENT, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN PRODUCE AN ALL ROUNDER INDIVIDUAL.

IN SHORT, BESIDES FOCUSING ON THE TECHNIQUES OF ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOR UPSR PAPERS, THE STUDENTS ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING THE WORLD OF ENGLISH IN A FUN WAY AND IN A DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT.

I HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS CAMP, THE CHILDREN HERE WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE TECHNIQUES TAUGHT BY THE EXPERTS IN ORDER TO HELP YOU IN YOUR EXAMINATION. YOU HAVE LEARNED A

GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE TECHNIQUES FROM ALL THE TEACHERS THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED HERE. I ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE USING ENGLISH IN YOUR EVERYDAY INTERACTION SO THAT WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED HERE CAN BE APPLIED IN REAL LIFE.

AS FOR PARENTS, YOU WILL BE THE BACKPILLAR OF YOUR CHILDREN'S STRENGTH. YOU PLAY A BIG ROLE IN ENSURING THAT YOUR CHILDREN GET GOOD EDUCATION AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE. BY SENDING YOUR CHILDREN TO CAMPS, SEMINAR, ETC, YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR SENSITIVITY AND LOVE TOWARDS THEM. CHILDREN NEED A CARING ENVIRONMENT IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THEIR CREATIVITY AND INTELLIGENCE. YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT WILL GREATLY BE APPRECIATED BY YOUR CHILDREN. KEEP ON MOTIVATING THEM AND NEVER CEASE TO APPRECIATE THEIR PROGRESS.

I WOULD LIKE TO END MY SPEECH WITH A QUOTE

LEARNING IS

ONE PART FROM THE TEACHER

ONE PART BY ONE'S OWN EFFORT

ONE PART TOGETHER WITH OTHER STUDENTS

ONE PART WITH THE PARENTS

ONE PART WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME

ONE PART WITH THE EXPERIENCE.

WITH THAT, I THANK YOU.