

APPRECIATION SPEECH

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The 2nd International Conference on Modern Languages & Applied Linguistics (ICMAL) 2023

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Our honourable guests and main collaborators for ICMAL 2023:

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Rector of Universitas Nahdlatul Wathan Mataram

Drs Abdul Wahab, MA

Rector of Universitas Muhammadiyah Mataram

Esteemed UiTM colleagues:

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Professor Dr Roshima Haji Said

Rector of UiTM Kedah branch

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Professor Ts. Dr Janudin Sardi

Dean of the Academy of Language Studies, UiTM

Distinguished invitees, ladies, and gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Greetings to everyone.

Salutations

(To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event)

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His grace and blessings that made this momentous occasion possible.

2. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all presenters, participants, collaborators, strategic partners, and valuable invitees to the 2nd

International Conference on Modern Languages & Applied Linguistics (ICMAL) 2023.

3. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the organising committee of ICMAL 2023, **the Academy of Language Studies (APB) of UiTM Kedah Branch, and the Academy of Language Studies (APB) of UiTM Shah Alam** for their great effort in making this international academic event a reality.
4. I am pleased that they have kept their promise to make **ICMAL 2023** a meaningful event for academics worldwide to meet on the beautiful and amazing island of Lombok, Indonesia.
5. My utmost appreciation also goes to ICMAL's main **collaborators from Lombok, Indonesia, and the strategic partners and endorsers from Thailand, Indonesia, India, and Malaysia** for the endless support given to ICMAL 2023. These collaborative efforts have made ICMAL 2023 a more unique and attractive event.

6. I am equally grateful to all the distinguished presenters and participants who came all the way from various parts of the world to gather here in Lombok.
7. Let us not forget the participants and guests who are joining us virtually with the common interest and goal of promoting universal respect for knowledge sharing and collaboration. My thanks to you, too.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. **The International Conference on Modern Languages & Applied Linguistics (ICMAL)** is a valuable sharing platform as it focuses on Language Teaching and Applied Linguistics and these areas support and strengthen all the other areas of knowledge such as through the aspects of delivering and communicating ideas and content effectively.

9. I must say that the theme chosen for ICMAL 2023, ***“Acclimatising Language Teaching and Learning in the Post-Pandemic Landscape”***, is very timely indeed and relevant in the context of today's life especially in a modern and challenging world after the tumultuous and long months of COVID-19 pandemic.
10. There are many significant changes taking place in society and these should be taken as opportunities to create different solutions to our current predicaments, processes, or even services.
11. With regard to tertiary education, a fresh outlook and more practical and innovative approaches in its management and deliverance can enhance our means of supporting learners and educators, as well as provide endless possibilities for access to education in the post-pandemic world.
12. We must also bear in mind that as educators we have the obligation of ameliorating the field of knowledge to meet future needs.

13. Hence, the ideas and knowledge shared here at ICMAL would be of immense value to sustain the development of education generally, and language education specifically.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

14. I see that ICMAL 2023 is steadily aligned with UiTM's aim of becoming a **Globally Renowned University (GRU) by 2025.**

15. The conference objectives are congruent with the **three strategic thrusts of GRU which are Quality Education, Global Excellence, and Value-Driven Performance.**

16. I, therefore, hope that the research ideas and findings shared at **ICMAL 2023** will substantially contribute to **UiTM's GRU initiatives** as well as to the universal debut of finding the best, practical, and effective ways to enrich the post-pandemic learning and teaching world.

17. It is my sincere wish that this academic conference does not prove to be a one-time exercise but will be the impetus to more similar events and greater collaborative efforts among the universities, even the industry and community in the future. Hopefully, there will be a long series of ICMAL down the road.
18. Once again, I would like to thank everyone involved in ICMAL 2023 for their hard work and determination to make this event a success.
19. Thank you to all researchers and presenters for your contributions to the field of research and education. May you achieve great success in your field of study.
20. Lastly, I wish you an enjoyable and meaningful conference experience and of course a memorable stay in beautiful Lombok, Indonesia.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**