

# OPENING AND OFFICIATING SPEECH

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**Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.**

**Salutations**

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

***Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam sejahtera and good morning to all.***

1. *Alhamdulillah*, all praise to Allah, the Merciful and the All-beneficent for His grace and blessings that led to this momentous occasion.
2. It is with great pleasure and utmost honour that I address you all today as Vice-Chancellor to officiate the prestigious **International Conference on Natural Products (ICNP) 2023**.
3. I extend a warm welcome to all esteemed guests and participants gathered here at the Aloft Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.
4. My heartfelt gratitude to everyone in attendance for gracing us with your presence. Your participation in this conference is proof of your untiring commitment to advancing knowledge and exploration in the fascinating field of natural products.

5. I am truly humbled by the dedication and hard work put forth by the organising committee, helmed by **Prof. ChM. Dr Nor Hadiani Ismail** as the chairperson of **ICNP**, in making this conference a reality.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

6. Today we gather here in Kuala Lumpur, united by a common purpose to explore the intricate world of natural products and their diverse applications in various fields, including healthcare, agriculture, and environmental sustainability.
7. Our collective efforts in understanding and harnessing the power of nature can pave the way for innovative solutions and contribute to the well-being of our society.
8. The theme for **ICNP 2023 "Changing the Landscape for a Sustainable Future"** resonates deeply with the current global landscape.

9. Natural products have long been regarded as a source of inspiration for healing, environmental restoration, and sustainable development.
10. As we navigate the complexities of our modern world, the significance of natural products in supporting human well-being and environmental preservation becomes ever more apparent.
11. Hence, the theme of **ICNP 2023** serves as a clarion call to collectively work towards a world where the power of nature is harnessed responsibly, and the potential of natural products is fully realised for the betterment of humanity and our planet.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

12. This conference serves as a platform for scholars, researchers, and industry experts to converge, collaborate, and exchange cutting-edge ideas, innovations, and discoveries in the realm of natural products.

13. It provides an invaluable opportunity to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, share research findings, and explore avenues for collaboration and partnership.
14. I am delighted to witness the diversity and expertise represented in this gathering. Each one of you plays a pivotal role in unlocking the vast potential of natural products and shaping the future of scientific advancements in this field.
15. Let us seize this opportunity to engage in vibrant discussions, forge meaningful collaborations, and inspire one another with new ideas and perspectives.
16. May the outcomes of the conference spur transformative changes and the birth of innovative solutions that address global challenges.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

17. Before I conclude my speech, I wish to acknowledge the invaluable support and guidance of our esteemed **Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation, Prof. Ts Dr Norazah Abd Rahman.**
18. Her visionary leadership has been instrumental in fostering a vibrant research environment within our institution.
19. Once again, my appreciation and thanks to everyone involved in the making of this event. Your tireless efforts have ensured that this event stands as a beacon of intellectual exchange, fostering collaborations, and inspiring new avenues of research.
20. My deepest gratitude to all participants and attendees who have journeyed from near and far to join us in this remarkable event.

21. Your presence here reflects the global significance of **ICNP 2023** and our shared commitment to advancing scientific knowledge for the betterment of society.
22. Lastly, I wish you all a fruitful and inspiring experience at this conference.

**Without further ado,  
with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*,  
it gives me great pleasure to officiate the  
International Conference on Natural Products (ICNP)  
2023.**

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**