

**Speech of President/Vice-Chancellor
Open University Malaysia
YBhg Prof Tan Sri Anuwar Ali
at the Launching of Yayasan Canselor
on 25 November 2008 at 8.15 pm
at Grand Ballroom, Putrajaya Marriott Hotel**

Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Paduka Seri Jeanne Abdullah
Chancellor
cum Patron of Yayasan Canselor Open University Malaysia

Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin
Minister of Higher Education
and Wife, Yang Berbahagia Datin Seri Rosni Omar

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim
Pro Chancellor
cum Chairman of Yayasan Canselor Open University Malaysia
and wife, Yang Mulia Tunku Arishah Tunku Ma'amor

Distinguished Guests

Media Representatives

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum and a very good evening to all.

1. In welcoming everyone of our guests this evening, may I firstly take this opportunity to thank Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Abdullah, our beloved Prime Minister, for gracing this auspicious event. We are deeply honoured to have Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri with us this evening despite his very busy schedule.
 2. May I also thank Yang Amat Berbahagia Datin Paduka Seri Jeanne Abdullah, for her endless support and invaluable guidance since she became our Chancellor. Being our Chancellor as well as Patron of Yayasan Canselor, she has indeed been very instrumental in sharing her
-

hopes and aspirations for the establishment of the Yayasan. It is with our Chancellor that the staff and students of OUM will like to remember this evening as a very important date in our calendar of the many wonderful events that she has shared with us.

3. Equally important, on behalf of OUM, may I extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the generous sponsors who share the same dream as ours – making education truly accessible to all. Tonight we are hosting this dinner in honour of each and every one of you who in one way or another have contributed to this noble cause.
4. Last, but not least, may I convey our sincerest appreciation to our Pro Chancellor, YBhg Tan Sri Azman, whose continuous support, invaluable ideas, and of course a generous personal contribution, has made this evening an important milestone in OUM's progress.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. Not wishing to take too much of your time, let me just say this to all our contributors; please accept our sincere appreciation. May God bless you and bring you good tidings. Let this be an evening that we all can remember and cherish together. Thank you once again to Yang Amat Berhormat our Prime Minister for your gracious presence.

Salam sejahtera and wasalamualaikum.
