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100TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY, AKADEMI LAUT MALAYSIA
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**ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAH HIWABARAKATUH
AND A VERY GOOD MORNING.**

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MANAGEMENT OF ALAM FOR EXTENDING THIS INVITATION. IT IS AN HONOUR INDEED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND OFFICIATE ALAM'S 100TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

TODAY IS INDEED A DAY FOR CELEBRATION. ALAM, MALAYSIA'S PREMIER MARITIME TRAINING ACADEMY, ONCE AGAIN PRODUCED QUALITY MARITIME GRADUATES, WHO WILL SOON BE EMBARKING ON THE JOURNEY OF THEIR LIVES. AT THIS AUSPICIOUS 100TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY, WE CELEBRATE THESE 125 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN, WHO HAVE DONE ALAM PROUD.

THIS 100TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF OUR GRADUATES, THROUGH THEIR INITIATIVES AND DEDICATION TO THEIR STUDIES. COUPLED WITH THE FAMILY SUPPORT GIVEN BY PARENTS AND SIBLINGS AS WELL AS THE CONTINUOUS COMMITMENTS FROM OUR ALAM TRAINERS, OUR GRADUATES ARE NOW READY TO

EMBARK ON THEIR SEAFARING CAREER AND CONTINUE ALAM'S TRADITION OF PROVIDING QUALITY SEAFARER'S TO THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

FURTHERMORE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONVEY MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO ALL ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO THE CADETS AT ALAM.

GRADUATES,

WHEN YOU LEAVE THESE HALLS AND GROUNDS, YOU WILL NO LONGER BE CADETS. ONCE YOU ARE ONBOARD THE VESSEL OF A SHIPPING COMPANY, YOU BECOME FRONTLINERS FOR THE ORGANISATION, THE FACE AND THE BRAND OF YOUR COMPANY.

AS OFFICERS ONBOARD THE COMMERCIAL VESSELS OF THE WORLD, YOU WILL TRAVEL THE GLOBE DELIVERING GOODS TO CUSTOMERS. HOWEVER, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE IN ACTUALITY DELIVERING SO MUCH MORE THAN THAT. YOU ARE

DELIVERING ON THE PROMISES MADE TO THESE CUSTOMERS, WHO DEPEND ON YOUR TRAINING AND EXPERTISE, TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN GOALS AND SUCCESS.

AS THE WORLD FACES ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY, THE SUCCESS OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY WILL DEPEND ON OUR ABILITY TO KEEP OUR CUSTOMERS. AS FRONTLINERS FOR SHIPPING COMPANY'S, YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO GO ABOUT YOUR DUTIES IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, ENSURING RELIABLE, ON TIME SERVICES TO YOUR CUSTOMERS AND UPHOLDING THE BRAND OF YOUR COMPANY. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN ALAM, HAVE PREPARED YOU FOR THIS TASK AND THAT YOU WILL BE A CREDIT TO THIS INSTITUTION AND YOUR FUTURE SHIPPING COMPANY'S.

ONCE AGAIN GRADUATES, SEAFARER'S, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

AS OUR CADETS CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY TOWARDS SUCCESS, AT ALAM, WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR TRAINING QUALITY, AS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING NEEDS OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY.

QUALITY AND INNOVATION ARE THE CORE OF ALAM'S EDUCATION STANDARD. TO DATE, ALAM HAS ALREADY EMBARKED ON KEY INITIATIVES TO FURTHER ENHANCE PHYSICAL AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY IN INTERACTIVE LEARNING. THESE INCLUDE THE INTEGRATION OF LIVE MECHANISM, MOCK-UPS OF CHEMICAL CARGO TANKS, A STATE-OF-THE-ART SIMULATOR, INNOVATIVE E-LEARNING AND MANY MORE. ALL THESE WERE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH SYNERGISTIC LINKS THAT ALAM HAS ESTABLISHED WITH PROMINENT INDUSTRY PLAYERS NAMELY PETRONAS, DNV, WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY, AND AMONG OTHERS.

IN TERMS OF CURRICULUM, WE HAVE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME

ORGANISATION'S STW SUB COMMITTEE ON THE LATEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STCW STANDARDS AND HAVE INTEGRATED THESE REVISIONS INTO OUR SYLLABUS.

TRULY, NOT ONLY DO WE WANT TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION TO OUR STUDENTS; WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THEM WITH THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND INNOVATIVE KNOWLEDGE.

AS PART OF OUR PLANS FOR FURTHER UPGRADES IN INFRASTRUCTURE, WE WOULD BE RECOMMENDING INTERACTIVE CLASSROOMS AND E-LABS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS. THESE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES IN EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WILL FURTHER HELP TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING, ENRICH THEIR LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND REFINE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND AS SUCH, COMPLEMENT THEIR STAY AT ALAM.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WHOLE HEARTEDLY CONGRATULATE ALL THE GRADUATES FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS TODAY.

AS SEAFARING PROFESSIONALS, YOU ARE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST YOUR COMPANY TO GAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY AND KEEP PACE WITH THE DEMANDS OF THE WORLD TRADE, WHILE MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS POSSIBLE.

YOUR DIPLOMA FROM ALAM SINGLES YOU OUT AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH THE ABILITY TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES AND THE DESIRE TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS IN THE INDUSTRY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL TAKE UP THIS TASK WITH DILIGENCE -- PLAYING A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE GLOBAL MARITIME COMMUNITY.

FOR ALL OF YOU WHO ARE NOT GRADUATING TODAY, I HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY THE SUCCESS OF YOUR FELLOW CADETS TODAY. REMEMBER THAT THE REAL

WORLD, OUTSIDE OF THESE WALLS, AWAITS YOU AND YOU MUST PREPARE FOR IT FROM NOW.

BE POSITIVE, FAR-SIGHTED, RESILIENT AND DYNAMIC. THOSE WHO DARE TO BE DIFFERENT WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO ADAPT TO THE EVERCHANGING ENVIRONMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, AND ALWAYS CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR SUCCESS IN THE SEAFARING CAREER THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN. REMEMBER, IF YOU EMPLOY DIFFERENT STRATEGIES FROM THE REST, YOU WILL GAIN DIFFERENT RESULTS FROM THE REST. THESE DIFFERENT RESULTS ARE ALWAYS TRANSLATED AS “PAR EXCELLENCE” PERFORMANCE AND SUPERIOR OPERATIONAL TEMPO THAT EXCEEDS YOUR COLLEAGUES AND COMPETITORS.

BEFORE I TAKE MY LEAVE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALAM ONCE AGAIN FOR INVITING ME AND MY WIFE TO THIS CELEBRATED OCCASION. WITH THAT I OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE 100TH AKADEMI LAUT MALAYSIA CONVOCATION CEREMONY.

THANK YOU.