



**PRIME MINISTER  
MALAYSIA**

Selamat Datang and Welcome !

It is my great pleasure to be able to support the Inaugural University Scholars Leadership Symposium which will see a culmination of young people from top universities around the globe discussing on issues pertaining to poverty, climate change, sustainable lifestyle, culture and diversity, leadership and education and humanitarian work.

This Inaugural University Scholars Leadership Symposium is a testimony that young people are passionate about issues that matters' to them – poverty, welfare, strength of unity, vigour and hope.

The Symposium aims to draw attention of young people to take a proactive action to contribute to the achievement for a sustainable future, which is in consonance with the Millennium Developmental Goals. Succinctly, it expects to break down the barriers between nations and create strong linkages among young people.

Formal Education enables us to perform effectively in academic and working realm. However, the acquisition of knowledge by attending an International Symposium is often the most powerful way of learning.

Through such meetings, young people have the unique opportunity to appreciate the difference of each other's cultures through discourse during breakfast, lunch and dinner breaks or simply by exchanging greetings with someone from the other end of the world.

I believe the goals of the University Scholars Leadership Symposium are to prepare our future leaders to build a better world for our children.

It is my humble suggestion that you should seize the opportunity to take concrete actions with your fellow delegates who share your conviction. Have the courage to believe that you can make a difference. As with everything in life, the first small steps matters the most.

I am pleased to note that the Inaugural University Scholars Leadership Symposium 2010 will be hosted in the World Heritage City of Malacca, Malaysia.

At the end of the Symposium I hope you will not walk off and forget about the challenges that lie ahead. I urge you, the future leaders of the world to accomplish them by going home and implementing them.

Malaysia awaits you and personally, I welcome you to the land of cultural diversity.

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**DATO' SRI MOHD NAJIB**