



Keynote Address

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Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Selamat pagi dan salam sejahtera kepada semua para hadirin sekalian.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you present today for the UNDP-IIM Master Trainers Workshop 2006. I am very grateful to the Malaysia Institute of Integrity for inviting UNDP to be part of today's event.

A little more than a year ago, UNDP and IIM, working in partnership, held its first Master Trainers Workshop conducted by the world renowned anti-corruption expert, Dr. Jeremy Pope. One year later, we gather again for the Second Master Trainers' Workshop, and whilst we do not have the pleasure of having Jeremy with us today, we do have a draft of the Source Book that he has played such a major role in preparing. As you may recall, we had also asked Jeremy to help develop a manual for the training of trainers, as well as the Source Book. Together, these reference works provide knowledge and ideas, including best practices, that can be used for this Workshop and by various stakeholders.

UNDP is pleased to support the efforts of the Honourable Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Abdullah Badawi, to develop a Malaysian Society of Integrity. We value our partnership with IIM, to help build and strengthen the Institute's capacity to implement the National Integrity Plan. And we fully support Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi's vision of multi-ethnic Malaysia maturing "into a higher economic, political and cultural plane" where the rule of engagement demand excellence, integrity and social responsibility.

The greatest impact of corruption is on the poor, especially women and the vulnerable, those least able to absorb its costs. By illegally diverting public funds corruption undercuts services, such as health, education, public transportation or local policing. Petty corruption imposes additional costs on citizens. Service provisions are often perceived to be inadequate, and sometimes payment is required for the delivery of even the most basic service.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Each of you gathered here today holds a position of trust. Whether as an executive or a decision-maker in your organization, you need to know that you *can* play an important role, both as a champion of integrity in your organization, and as a strategic partner in combating corruption. Your participation here brings with it a responsibility to return to your office with a greater awareness of integrity issues and new ideas. The importance of ownership cannot be overemphasized because ultimately, capacity building is a process of empowerment and self-reliance.

UNDP will continue to support the Government of Malaysia's efforts to reduce corruption, and enhance integrity. In that spirit of partnership, please accept my best wishes for a successful workshop.

Thank you.