

**WELCOME NOTES BY  
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PRESIDENT OF ANGKASA  
CUM PRESIDENT OF ASEAN CO-  
OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION (ACO)

**OPENING CEREMONY  
GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM 2020 (GYF20)  
'CO-OPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP'**

**FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 (MONDAY)  
RIVERSIDE MAJESTIC HOTEL,  
KUCHING, SARAWAK**

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**SALUTATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT  
EVENT**

1. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO

ALMIGHTY ALLAH THAT THROUGH HIS BLESSINGS, WE ARE ABLE TO GATHER HERE TODAY FOR THE **GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM** **CO-OPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2020.**

2. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME ALL THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS AND PROFESSIONALS FOR TAKING PART IN ICA'S FIRST GLOBAL YOUTH EVENT.

3. ON BEHALF OF ANGKASA, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION AND THANK YOU TO ICA FOR GIVING ANGKASA THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST SUCH GRAND EVENT.

4. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THIS FORUM IS TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ABOUT CO-OPERATIVES WHILE DEVELOPING THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS.

5. KNOWLEDGE IS INDEED A POWERFUL TOOL TO BRING ABOUT CHANGES IN OUR WORLD, BUT WHAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE IS OUR INTENTION WILL DETERMINE THOSE CHANGES WILL COME OUT AS GOOD OR BAD.

6. THE DEFINITION OF CO-OPERATIVE, ITS VALUES AND PRINCIPLES ARE THE ULTIMATE INTENTION THAT WE NEED TO TRUST,

BELIEVE AND FOLLOW WITH ALL OUR HEARTS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

7. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR IS A GREAT PLATFORM AND A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENTS.

8. I HOPE THE FUTURE GENERATIONS WHO ARE IN THIS HALL TODAY REALIZE THAT WITH GREAT TALENTS COMES WITH ONE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT IS TO BRING CHANGES OR MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE BETTER.

9. TAKE THIS FORUM AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A PROGRESS IN THE CHANGES YOU ARE TRYING TO BRING. WHILE DOING THAT, ALWAYS TELL YOURSELF THAT PROGRESS REQUIRES STRUGGLE, DISCIPLINE AND FAITH.

10. USE THIS FORUM AS A PLATFORM FOR YOU TO ADDRESS YOUR CHALLENGES. USE IT TO GATHER IDEAS FROM PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT BACKGROUND. USE IT AS A STARTING POINT FOR YOU TO START LISTEN AND ACCEPT OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINION.

11. THE BOTTOM LINE IS, USE THIS FORUM AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO IMPROVE NOT ONLY AS AN

ENTREPRENEUR, BUT AS A PERSON WITH BIG DREAMS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

12. IN MALAYSIA, THERE ARE MORE THAN 208 YOUTH CO-OPERATIVES WITH MEMBERSHIP OF AROUND 81,000 PEOPLE. THESE CO-OPERATIVES WERE ABLE TO COLLECTIVELY GENERATE RM12 MILLION IN TURNOVER IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF LAST YEAR AND RECORDED RM142 MILLION AND RM34 MILLION IN ASSETS AND SHARES RESPECTIVELY.

13. THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH ESPECIALLY IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP WILL ALWAYS BE THE MAIN AGENDA OF MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND

## THE NATION'S CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR.

14. THIS YEAR, ANGKASA WILL ORGANIZE PROGRAMS THAT HOPEFULLY WILL ASSIST YOUTH TO START THEIR OWN CO-OPERATIVES.

15. WITH MOST OF TODAY'S ECONOMIES UNABLE TO PRODUCE ENOUGH JOB OPPORTUNITIES, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TURNING TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP, BUT NOT CO-OPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

16. CO-OPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP HAS SHOWN ONE VERY CONCRETE WAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND A JOB WITH A HIGHER LEVEL OF STABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY THAN THE

AVERAGE. AT THE SAME TIME, CO-OPERATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP ALLOWS YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE AND AUTONOMOUS PLACE IN SOCIETY, AND MAKE THEM TAKE OWNERSHIP AND FEEL MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN INITIATIVES.

17. I WISH TO STRESS THAT COLLABORATION AND CO-CREATION IS CRITICAL BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, PRIVATE SECTOR BODIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS THAT WILL ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE REAL INFLUENCE ON PROCESSES AND DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR RIGHTS TO EDUCATION AND A LIVELIHOOD.



18. I HOPE WE CAN EMERGE FROM  
THIS FORUM WITH CREATIVE  
SOLUTIONS AND A RENEWED  
COMMITMENT FOR THE COMMON  
GOOD.

*WABILLAHITAUFIQ WALHIDAYAH  
WASSALAMUALAIKOM  
WARAHMATULLAH HIWABARAKATU  
AND THANK YOU.*