



**CLOSING SPEECH**

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**AT**

**CLOSING SESSION  
THE MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
PROGRAMME (MTCP) 2021  
FOR THE ONLINE COURSE ON:  
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR SUDANESE MIDDLE-  
LEVEL OFFICIALS**

**DATE : 17 JUNE 2021 (THURSDAY)**

**TIME : 3.00 PM – 3.30 PM**

**VENUE : BKA3/ZOOM**

**Bismillahirrahmanirrahim**

**Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and  
a very good day to all.**

**Thank you, Ms. Zarifah, our Master of Ceremony,**

**Ms Mathilda Andrew Abbie  
Deputy Head of Cluster for Language Excellence  
INTAN**

**Dr. Azmi Omar  
Head of Corporate and International Unit, INTAN**

**Esteemed English Language Senior Training  
Consultants,**

**Distinguished Participants,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

**1. Alhamdulillah, praise to Allah the Almighty for  
His mercy and blessings, we are all gathered  
here for the Closing Session of the English**

**Proficiency For Sudanese Middle-Level Officials course under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) 2021.**

- 2. I am honoured to be here with you, as we celebrate your accomplishments for having successfully completed this three-week course.**
- 3. I am sure it must be challenging for many of you to commute very early in the morning to your office at Ministry of Justice, Sudan, and then joining the online lessons for 3 weeks back to back. At the same time, juggling work, family and classes in between.**
- 4. Despite these challenges, I received feedbacks that all of you have shown great interest and commitment throughout the course. For that, I applaud and congratulate all participants for your determination and commitment.**

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

- 5. Over the past 60 years, INTAN has achieved astounding success in developing, competent public sector workforce through quality training. INTAN, -as the training arm and a premier learning institution in the Malaysian Public Service, - continues to ensure that we remain relevant and sustainable.**
  
- 6. With the COVID-19 outbreak striking us globally, we are now living in the era of emerging new norms, that sets forth a digital overdrive in almost all aspects of life.**
  
- 7. With this outlook, the training and development sector is also required to evolve, and respond in times of crisis. To remain relevant and sustainable, we have no choice but to adapt and adopt digital transformation.**

**8. Hence, INTAN and MTCP are of the view that, crises drive opportunities. We must not fall back just because things are getting tougher these days, but instead, we look for opportunities and rise above challenges.**

**9. We ensure to still be able to reach out to the MTCP recipient countries, and continue to provide training programmes despite the travel ban. Of course, we believe your learning journey will be far more valuable and interesting if we could host you in Malaysia. Perhaps, you can join us here, some other time, on a different platform. And let us pray that the pandemic will soon be over and we can continue our lives as before.**

**Distinguish Participants,**

**10. All of us know that English is the most spoken language in the world. Statistics show that**

**there were around 1.35 billion people worldwide who spoke English either natively or as a second language, and that is about 17% of the world population of 7.79 billion people.**

**11. English is not only the most universally spoken language, but it is also one of the primary languages at workplace. We may use our mother tongue as the official language at workplace. But, we cannot deny that English is a prevalent language at workplace.**

**12. In the Malaysian Public Sector, Malay is the official language. But, English proficiency amongst Malaysian Civil Service is made a very important attribute of an officer to qualify in many aspects at work. INTAN, as a training provider, also conducts English Language Proficiency Assessment Programmes for our civil servants.**

**13. Therefore, It is an honour, for us to extend our expertise and training, with esteemed officials from Sudan and also Iran. It is our utmost aspiration, that you have mastered and upgraded your English language skills within these 3 weeks. I sincerely believe, all that you have learned, throughout this course will help you enormously in your duties, and can be adapted to suit your professional backgrounds, as well as bring great benefit to your organisations and your nations.**

**Distinguish Participants,**

**14. With the end of this course, you are now officially the MTCP alumni. Spread the good words, and encourage your friends back at home to sign up for MTCP Courses by INTAN in the coming years. We would be more than honoured to receive more participations from your country in the future.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**15. Please allow me a few more moments of your time to express my gratitude to those who have been involved in the running and making this course a success. I would like to thank the INTAN MTCP Secretariat Team, under The Corporate and International Unit. The team is the backbone for this course and we thank you for your stewardship of this MTCP Course. Clearly this task has been in very capable hands.**

**16. A very special gratitude goes to all our English Language Trainers at Cluster of Language Excellence for your hard work, dedication and passion to guide our participants through on this course. This course would not be the same without your endless support, and for that we truly value your undivided commitment.**

**17. Last but not least, thank you to all the staffs both from the Corporate and International Unit and Cluster for Language Excellence who spent time and efforts to see this course through.**

**18. And once again, on behalf of INTAN I would like to congratulate all participants for your accomplishment and thank you for your commitment and in making the programme a success.**

**19. On that note, I would like to end my speech. It has been a great honour for Malaysia, especially INTAN, to host you. When it is safe to travel around the world again, do come to Malaysia and visit us in INTAN. Stay safe and till we meet again.**

**Wabillahi taufik walhidayah, wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.**

**Thank you.**