

Opening address

A very good morning to YBhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Kasim Hj. Mansor, Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Yg Berusaha Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Ismail Saad, Dean of Faculty of Engineering, Yg. Berusaha Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Mohd Kamaruddin Bin Abd Hamid, Deputy Dean (Academic and International), Yg. Berusaha Ir. Ts. Dr. Habib Musa Bin Mohamad, Head of Civil Engineering Program, our Distinguished Keynote Speakers; Professor Ir. Ts. Dr. Adnan Zainorabidin of Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Nurmin Bolong of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Dr. Jaeyong Chung the Asian Regional Manager at SOH Wind Engineering LLC in USA, Fellow distinguished guests, researchers, and participants. It is with great pleasure that we welcome you all to this 3rd International Conference on Civil Engineering and Construction Technology (ICECon2024).

First of all, it is my distinct honour and privilege to extend a heartfelt thank you to our esteemed Vice Chancellor for gracing us with his presence and officiating this international conference. The significance of your attendance, YBhg. Datuk VC cannot be overstated. Your leadership, vision, and commitment to excellence serve as an inspiration to us all. Your willingness to invest your time and energy in this event underscores your dedication to fostering academic exchange and collaboration on a global scale. I would also like extend our sincerest appreciation to our esteemed Dean for his unwavering support of this international conference.

The Civil Engineering programme of UMS is also very grateful for having had the opportunity to co-organize this event together with The Institute of Engineer Malaysia (IEM) and The Association of Consulting Engineer Malaysia (ACEM), Universiti Sains Malaysia and our international collaborator from Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

We are also filled with a profound sense of gratitude as we extend our heartfelt thanks to our distinguished keynote speakers. To each of our keynote speakers, your expertise, insights, and dedication to your respective fields have illuminated the path for all of us gathered here. Your willingness to share your knowledge and experiences with us is a testament to your commitment to advancing our understanding and shaping the future of our disciplines.

As we reflect on the success of this conference, it is my privilege to extend heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals and organizations whose contributions have made this event possible. I would like to express our sincerest thanks to our collaborators from industry. Your partnership and support have not only enriched the content of this conference but

have also facilitated meaningful connections between academia and industry, driving innovation and progress in our respective fields.

To our esteemed sponsors, we are deeply grateful for your generous support and unwavering commitment to advancing knowledge and fostering collaboration. Your investment in this conference has enabled us to provide a platform for the exchange of ideas and the exploration of new frontiers, and for that, we are truly thankful.

I would also like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated reviewers who lent their expertise and time to ensure the quality and integrity of the presentations and proceedings. Your thoughtful feedback and diligent efforts have been invaluable in shaping the content of this conference and maintaining its academic rigor.

To all researchers, presenters, participants who have travelled from near and far to join us in this shared pursuit of knowledge, we extend our warmest thanks. Your enthusiasm, engagement, and willingness to share your insights have been the driving force behind the success of this event, and we are grateful for your contributions.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the organizing committee. Your tireless efforts, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to excellence have been instrumental in bringing this conference to fruition and we are immensely grateful for your dedication.

In closing, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your presence here today and throughout the duration of this conference. Your participation enriches our collective experience, and we are truly honoured to have you join us on this journey of learning and collaboration. To our international participants, we wish you a memorable and enriching experience full of discovery, cultural immersion, and exploration during your stay in Sabah, Malaysia. Let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, forge new connections, and inspire one another to reach greater heights.

Thank you once again, and may this conference be a source of inspiration and enlightenment for us all and let us make the most of this incredible opportunity together.

Thank you.

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