SALUTATION

Master of the ceremony,
Encik Asraf Ahmad;

Our distinguished guests:

Encik Dzulkifri Nordin,
District Education Officer of Pekan;

Puan Elia Mastura Kamarudin,
Chairperson of Pertubuhan Kebajikan & Kemajuan Sosial Pulau Pinang;
My colleagues from UMP:

Yang Hormat Professor Dato’ Dr. Mortaza Mohamed,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International);

Professor Dr. Mashitah Mohamed,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation);

Yang Hormat Professor Dato’ Dr. Yuserrie Zainuddin,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni);

Senior officials, Deans and Directors;

Representatives from Teach Malaysia Teach participating schools;

Volunteers from In-Smartive Club of Universiti Malaysia Pahang;

Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh,
Salam 1Malaysia and a very good morning.
1. *Alhamdulillah*, it is with great pleasure that I have the honour of welcoming all of you to UMP Pekan this morning in conjunction with this auspicious occasion.

2. Universiti Malaysia Pahang is indeed proud to be part of this Teach Malaysia Teach Appreciation Day initiative, which honours the co-operation given by the participating schools, and the contribution given by UMP student-volunteers from the In-Smartive Club.

3. I am glad that throughout the implementation of this initiative from February to October 2012, 70 members from In-Smartive Club of UMP had volunteered their service as facilitators for students at the participating schools, namely SK Ahmad, SK Seri Biram, SK Seri Terentang, SK Langgar, SK Indera Shahbandar, SJKC Pekan and SJKC Yoke Hwa.

4. We are grateful that Pertubuhan Kebajikan & Kemajuan Sosial Pulau Pinang had kindly provided the In-Smartive volunteers with the Teach Malaysia Teach Modules which were shared with the students at the participating schools in ten interactive sessions throughout the period.
5. Education is always about building one’s intellectual and moral capacity through academic measurement, which is tangible in nature and inculcation of values, which is intangible.

6. I believe that the effort to educate these young Malaysians to become responsible citizens with strong ethical and spiritual foundations is the very dimension that the modules of Teach Malaysia Teach were focusing at.

7. This is the significant aspect in educational process, the dimension that is commonly referred to nowadays as ‘soft-skill’ or kemahiran insaniah. From my observation, this kind of initiative has two impactful outcomes.

8. First, it does help in boosting the motivation of the target group through effective dissemination of the module contents by the volunteers. Second, this initiative has enabled UMP to position itself more closely to the community surrounding its campus, and these student-volunteers are actually playing their role as our ambassadors through their social interaction, thus making the UMP’s presence and voice seen, felt and heard by the public.
9. That is why the top management of UMP accorded full support to the In-Smartive Club to work collectively with Pertubuhan Kebajikan & Kemajuan Sosial Pulau Pinang to run the project two years ago with the collaboration from the District Education Office of Pekan and Persatuan Bekas Pegawai Perkhidmatan Pendidikan Malaysia Cawangan Daerah Pekan.

10. I am glad that In-Smartive commitment does not end with this initiative. In 2013 alone, the club had organized 35 school and community outreach projects, and these are followed by another 30 initiatives in 2014.

11. Therefore, PKKS has actually taken a noble move in acknowledging the voluntary services rendered by the members of In-Smartive Club through the Teach Malaysia Teach Appreciation Day this morning.
12. Ladies and gentlemen,

In conclusion, I would like to extend my highest gratitude to Pertubuhan Kebajikan & Kemajuan Sosial Pulau Pinang for its commitment and confidence to work hand in hand with the In-Smartive Club of UMP throughout the duration of Teach Malaysia Teach project in Pekan.

13. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the District Education Office of Pekan, Persatuan Bekas Pegawai Perkhidmatan Pendidikan Cawangan Daerah Pekan and the participating schools for their support and assistance to UMP student-volunteers.

14. To the members of In-Smartive Club, keep on the job, continue your effort to serve the community through your voluntary projects and may Allah Ta’ala bless you for all these noble deeds.
15. With that ladies and gentlemen, it is with greatest pleasure that I hereby officiate Teach Malaysia Teach Appreciation Day.

*Wabillahi taufiq walhidayah,*

*Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.*

Thank you.