

**OPENING SPEECH**  
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**OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HUMANITIES ACADEMY**

**DATARAN C180**  
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**YBHG. DATIN ESTHER HU**

Founder of the Humanities Academy;

**THE CONSULTANTS OF THE HUMANITIES ACADEMY;**

**DATUK-DATUK AND DATIN-DATIN;**

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

A very good afternoon and Salam 1Malaysia.

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the organiser for this invitation to officiate the **Opening Ceremony of the Humanities Academy**. I would also like to congratulate the organiser on their concerted effort to organise this remarkable event without a hitch.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

2. As we all know, education is truly imperative to the success of our nation. Education greatly helps to increase the level of knowledge amongst the people. It is my fervent belief that education will be able to help us to attain the status of an advanced nation by improving our living standards.

3. However, at this day and age, it is sad to state that most of the university graduates do not pursue their studies to the next level in order

to improve themselves as this would bring negative impact to our society and country.

4. In light of this, I am more than happy to have the opportunity to attend this significant event. I was made to understand that Humanities Academy will be able to assist Malaysians in order to enhance their careers and subsequently bring many positive impacts towards their life.

5. On that note, I officially declare the **Opening of Humanities Academy**.

Thank you.