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1. Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh dan salam sejahtera saya ucapkan kepada:

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2. Kita sama-sama berada di dewan ini untuk majlis perasmian Projek "MY Courtroom 2 Classroom" atau dalam bahasa Kebangsaan: "Dari Mahkamah ke Bilik Darjah".

3. Salah satu intipati Projek ini adalah ia memberi penekanan kepada prinsip-prinsip Rukun Negara yang sepatutnya menjadi pegangan rakyat Malaysia. Antara prinsip-prinsip Rukun Negara ialah Keluhuran Perlembagaan dan Kedaulatan Undang-Undang.

4. Sebagai seorang rakyat Malaysia yang bertanggungjawab, kita perlu menghayati dan mengamalkan prinsip-prinsip Rukun Negara. Tentunya, amalan ini perlu diterapkan sejak kecil lagi. Oleh yang demikian projek My C2C ini sangat bertepatan dengan hasrat Kerajaan untuk melahirkan generasi masa depan yang menghayati

Rukun Negara.

5. Saya teringat kata-kata YAB Perdana Menteri, Tun Dr Mahathir iaitu: “we stand by the rule of law and whatever we do must be governed by the Constitution.” Dalam erti kata lain, Tun Dr Mahathir menasihatkan supaya negara ini sentiasa berpegang kepada prinsip Kedaulatan Undang-Undang.
6. Allow me now to proceed in English.
7. The rule of law is indeed the ethos of the Government and the daily work of my Ministry. Sadly, we have long been aware that legal education in this country has been lacking. This, in my view, is what makes this project timely.
8. For all we know, the next Prime Minister or even the next Chief Justice might be any one of the young, eager faces I see before me. It is for this reason and more that I join the calls for our young ones to be nurtured with proper legal education.
9. Of particular importance is making the public realise the importance of the Judiciary. I think gone are the days where the Court buildings exist merely as awesome monuments and judges far removed from the people they judge. This is where I would say is the genius of this program.
10. Who better to teach the public about our Courts than the Judiciary itself? Add to this fact that Judiciaries in other parts of the world such as those in the United Kingdom and Australia have made

efforts to educate the public. In this sense, Malaysia ought not to be left behind.

11. Then there is also the Judiciary's approach in conducting this program which I think is the right one. For one, I have seen the booklet prepared by the Judiciary. It is written in plain, easy to understand language, and decorated with creative illustrations.
12. Schools interested to engage with the Judiciary can simply make their applications online. Of course, this feature is a testament to Yang Amat Arif Chief Justice Tan Sri Richard Malanjum who has always been a strong supporter of modern methods and the use of technology.
13. Might I also just say that the ideas lined up such the conducting of mock trials, for example, are a perfect way to impart practical knowledge on our young. I would like to record my praise for the approach of this program which provides a good mix of theoretical and practical methods to impart legal education.
14. The Ministry of Law, like the Judiciary also hopes to shape the model law abiding citizen. In this sense, this program enjoys our fullest support. We are happy to support this program both in principle and financially.
15. May I just end by saying that this program is a step in the right direction. It is a big step in improving knowledge and appreciation of the law – and an even bigger step towards our realising a Malaysia where all persons cherish the Rule of Law. It also a timely reminder to the Government to develop its curriculum to include

holistic legal education.

16. Thank you.