



Message

**Minister of Education  
Malaysia**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all presenters and participants to "The ELTC ETeMS Conference 2003: Managing Curricular Change". January 2003 marked the implementation of the change in the medium of instruction for the teaching of science and mathematics from Bahasa Melayu to English in Year 1, Form 1 and Lower Six. This conference is thus timely as, at the end of one year of implementation, it allows us to pause, reflect and evaluate how this major curricular change is impacting our educational system.

The conference offers a platform for both theorists as well as classroom practitioners to share their ideas and voice their views and concerns. We need to deliberate on further initiatives that can be undertaken to assist

teachers and students to excel in the teaching and learning process. We need to develop ideas and forge programmes that will ensure the continued smooth implementation of this innovation. The meaningful dialogue that emerges from this conference may enable us to anticipate potential challenges and inform our practices and policy decisions as we embark on the second year of the implementation of this programme.

This is the second international conference the English Language Teaching Centre (ELTC) has organized in less than a year. This is highly commendable and we hope it will continue its growth as a premier institution for the training of English language professionals at the regional and international levels. I would also like to thank ELTC for organizing this conference as it addresses an issue that is both current as well as significant. I wish all of you a rewarding experience at this conference.

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