



**TEKS UCAPAN
YANG BERBAHAGIA DATUK HAJI ABANG ABDUL WAHAP BIN HAJI
ABANG JULAI
DATUK BANDAR KUCHING UTARA
PROGRAM GREENING OUR SCHOOL
DI CHUNG HUA MIDDLE SCHOOL NO.4, JALAN HAJI TAHA, KUCHING
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Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.....

And a very good morning to all of you.....

First of all, I am very pleased to be with you here today to participate in this important activity of tree planting.

Today, as a symbolic gesture we are having a tree planting ceremony here in the School. Fortunately, the movement towards a deeper commitment to environmental protection through planting new trees and taking care of the existing ones, is rapidly increasing all over the world. At the global level, trees and forests are closely linked with weather patterns and also the maintenance of a crucial balance in nature.

Hence, the task of environment protection' is a universal responsibility of all of us. I think that is extremely important for all of us to not only take a keen interest in the cause of environmental protection, but also to implement this idea in action by planting new trees. In this way, we will be making an important gesture to the country and the world in demonstrating our global concern and at the same time making our own little but significant, contribution to the cause.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we know, there is many benefits of planting trees, in laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension. "Whether it's the colors of the leaves, watching the wind blow through the limbs, or simply hearing the sound of rustling leaves, trees relax our spirits".

Another benefit is safety. The presence of roadside trees has been argued to slow traffic. It has been documented, "Tall trees give the perception of making a street feel narrower, slowing people down. Closely spaced trees give the perception of speed (they go by very quickly) slowing people down. A treeless street enhances the perception of a street being wide and free of hazard, thereby increasing speeds. Increased speed leads to more accidents." Having trees may save lives both physically and emotionally.

Ladies and Gentlemen....

Trees -- and, collectively, the urban forest -- are important assets that require care and maintenance the same as other public property. They are on the job 24 hours every day working for all of us to improve our environment and quality of life. Not only do trees provide the necessary and obvious benefit of cleaner air, they also improve the quality of water and increase the tenure of other public infrastructure by providing storm water management and shade.

From what I have mentioned above, it proves that trees serve so many health and safety, infrastructure, and economic benefits to community's it is no wonder Frank Lloyd Wright wrote, ***“The best friend of earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on the earth.”***

Thus, efforts to plant trees are very important that to ensure our environment are surrounded by green environment forever, it is also able to maintain the stability of the earth ecosystem on which we live. With the availability of planting, indirectly, we are able to help preserve and restore and green the environment. Despite our efforts are small but in the future it will be a very big impact on the world's ecosystems.

For this programme today, we will together plant eight species of trees such as Agathis Borneesis (Sammar Minyak), Eusideroxylon Zwageri (Pokok Belian), Samanea Saman (Pokok Hujan), Syzygium Campanulatum (Pokok Kelat), Callerya Atropurpurea (Tulang Daging), Andira Inermis (Brown-Heart), Lagersteomia Speciosa (Bungor) and Xanthostemon Chrysanthus (Golden Penda).

Hope that with those trees that we have planted today will make your school surroundings and landscape greener and nicer.

Ladies and Gentlemen.....

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chung Hua Middle School No.4 and everyone present here today. Thank you for supporting us with our Kuching City CBS (Clean, Beautiful and Safe) Plan, your contribution and participation is fully appreciated.

Let us begin the planting now for the future!!!!

Wabillahitaufik Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.....

Thank you....