

**Speech by Jenny Baeseman
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For the occasion of the presentation of the Tome Antarctica to Mr. Nasaruddin, Executive Director of the Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation in the capacity of representative of His Royal Highness Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al Muktafi Billah Shah during the Delegates Diner at SCAR 2016 in Kuala Lumpur on August 29th, 2016

Distinguished delegates, valued guests, dear friends,

Thank you very much for allowing me to speak on this wonderful evening on behalf of an organization that is dear to my heart: the Students on Ice Foundation. The Students On Ice Foundation educates the worlds youth about the importance of the Polar Regions for the global Eco-system. It does this by taking youth from across the globe on educational expeditions to both Antarctica and the Arctic, accompanied by an international team of renowned scientists, educators, business and political leaders, artists and musicians and representatives of indigenous peoples. From personal experience as an educator on two Students on Ice Expeditions I can attest to the tremendous power of these educational journeys. Students are touched and moved by the beauty of the polar environments, gain knowledge about the importance of scientific research and are inspired to take positive action in their communities, countries and globally to protect the Polar Regions and the world's Eco-system.

Since 2015 Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation (SMARF) and the SOI Foundation have engaged in a unique partnership to allow Malaysian youth and educators to join SOI's educational expeditions. The results have been extraordinary. The expeditions have been life changing for the participating Malaysian youth and in return they have delivered outstanding contributions to the education program.

*Tonight, SOIF would like to express its deep appreciation of the partnership with SMARF and of the great contributions **His Royal Highness Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al Muktafi Billah Shah** has made to Polar Education and Research through his visionary leadership in founding and supporting SMARF.*

*Within this context it is my honour to present on behalf of the Students on Ice Foundation to **His Royal Highness Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al Muktafi Billah Shah, Patron of Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation** the Tome Antarctica, a timeless document of the tremendous beauty of Antarctica. This monumental volume has been created by Pat and Rosemarie Keough in a lifetime of dedication and contains the most stunning collection of photographic images of the Antarctic continent ever created. As such this internationally acclaimed, hand-crafted volume encapsulates the sublime complexity of Antarctica's eco-system that we all wish to understand and preserve for future generations.*

Dear Mr. Nasaruddin, thank you very much for accepting this gift on behalf of Sultan Mizan. We look forward to a long lasting collaboration to inspire the next generations to study the Polar regions and to use their new understanding for the betterment of our planet.

Thank you.