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Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.

(Salutations)

To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and a very good afternoon to all.

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for the beautiful opportunity to be here today and to welcome everyone to the **13th UiTM Dental Students' Scientific Symposium 2023.**

2. Thank you to the Faculty of Dentistry of UiTM, especially to the Dean, **Associate Professor Dr Aida Nur Ashikin Abd Rahman**, for inviting me to this meaningful event for dental medicine.

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. The need to incorporate research into dental education has grown immensely with the advancement of scientific knowledge. The implementation of scientific research and scholarly activities in dental education is crucial to uphold the advancement of oral health and to support the creation of lifelong learners.

2. We are proud that the dental undergraduate research programme has been shown to improve the academic performance of participating students.

3. For this reason, we should equip our graduate students not only with clinical skills and knowledge but also the ability to develop and understand the processes of research and to critically assess or report on new materials and methods of innovation in dentistry.

4. As a higher education institution, UiTM supports curricula that promote science and innovation and incorporate the knowledge of technological advances, and evidence-based approaches.

5. We recognise the importance of research training and mentoring to produce scientifically oriented dental practitioners that is rewarding in many ways, including having a better understanding of each student's needs and providing professional development as a teacher.

6. Hence, it is also vital to evaluate how mentoring impacts our students and assure that their research experiences, together with adequate support from the faculty, will give them the confidence to practise science and accomplish tasks accordingly.

Ladies and gentlemen,

7. In 2019, we introduced **Education 5.0@UiTM** which emphasises the **A.D.A.B model** as a delivery design that is based on manners and includes the principles of teaching delivery that are necessary for UiTM students to be seen as knowledgeable and civilised.

8. It is important for us to nurture **adab** and **trust** as the main elements of instilling knowledge in today's era and environment of technological advancement, especially in the process of educating and developing our nation.

9. These attributes shall further strengthen UiTM's reputation by empowering more marketable talents with excellent academic achievements as well as remarkable character development.

10. With this in focus, UiTM will help the nation to become a **'lynchpin'** that will continue to support the formation of talent and knowledge hubs by further enhancing research institutions and centres.

Ladies and gentlemen,

11. UiTM has been a part of the higher education landscape for over 6 decades. Therefore, it is imperative to make sure that the university remains sustainable and relevant to secure the future of Bumiputera generations for years to come by changing perceptions and getting out of our comfort zone to become globally reputable.

12. Concurrently, we need to ensure that our students are well-equipped with **smart and sharp skills** that will guarantee their global marketability to remain competitive and relevant in the eyes of reputable employers.

13. We are aware that **Education 4.0** focuses on innovation and maximising the use of information

technology. There is no denying that today's teaching and learning relies heavily on the integration of both the Internet and virtual setting in many aspects of pedagogy.

14. Hence, as academics, we play a crucial role in making Education 4.0 a success by working hand-in-hand in assisting and supporting our stakeholders, mainly the students.

15. We must continue encouraging our students to be more independent and find ways to become '**super graduates**' who are competitive and self-sustainable.

16. A written guideline is compulsory as a reference, but good intuitions and confidence are necessary for one to make a fair judgment and wise decision.

17. I hope that UiTM Dentistry students will be able to familiarise themselves with the learning system independently. Always remember to stay proactive and reactive to ensure your life remains within your control.

18. Before I end, I would like to thank and congratulate the organising committee for making this symposium impactful and successful. Thank you and well done to all participants for partaking in the event and activities and keeping the research spirit and passion alive.

**On that note, and in the name of Almighty Allah,
Most Beneficent, Most Merciful,
I, hereby, officiate the
13th UiTM Dental Students' Scientific Symposium 2023**

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**