#### OFFICIATING SPEECH

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Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings to all.

# Salutations (To be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the event)

- Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His grace and blessings that made this momentous occasion possible.
- It is a great pleasure for me to welcome everyone to the 5th National Conference of Academic Medical Centre, Konsortium Hospital Universiti Awam Malaysia (KHUAM) here at Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah UiTM.
- 3. I would like to extend my greatest appreciation to everyone for being part of this prestigious event. My warmest thanks to the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) for their continuous support and undivided commitment towards this conference and to KHUAM (or the Malaysian Public University Hospitals Consortium).

- 4. Thank you to **Yang Berbahagia XXX** for taking the time out of your busy schedule to be with us here today at HASA.
- 5. Not to mention, my sincerest appreciation to the **Ministry of Health (MOH)** for their support not just for us in UiTM, but also for all university hospitals.
- 6. And thank you, Yang Berbahagia XXX for being with us today. Your presence is a testament to the recognition by the ministry of the importance of university hospitals, particularly within KHUAM, as strategic partners and essential stakeholders of the country's healthcare ecosystem.

# Ladies and gentlemen,

7. We are truly honoured to have participants and speakers from various organisations not only from MOHE, MOH, and KHUAM, but also other government-linked agencies such as MRANTI and MyDigital, as well as representatives from the private sector namely the Association of Private

Hospital Malaysia (APHM), the Malaysian Society for Quality in Health (MSQH), and Angsana Health.

- 8. The diverse participant line-up demonstrates the intricate network among the healthcare industry players as well as the importance of continuous engagement between all stakeholders as healthcare transcends the boundary and responsibility of the ministry alone.
- 9. In addition, UiTM is committed and steadfast in supporting its faculties and establishments that cultivate health sciences careers which include the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Dentistry, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences, and of course HASA.
- 10. To increase innovation and create a more evolutionary field of study, we also encourage a cross-discipline engagement between the medical and non-medical faculties and

programmes such as Engineering, Chemistry, and Applied Sciences.

11. As a higher learning institution, we seek collaborative opportunities locally and abroad as it is essential for UiTM to gear up towards the vision of becoming a Globally Renowned University by 2025.

## Ladies and gentlemen,

- 12. This year, the conference theme "Complementing Healthcare Transformation in Malaysia Madani" is aptly chosen as healthcare reform is long overdue in our country.
- 13. Malaysia is predicted to be an ageing nation as early as 2030, followed by an aged nation status by 2044. With a shift in our demographic composition and increased longevity, comes a set of challenges that are not limited to the rise in non-communicable diseases.

- 14. Bearing in mind a forecasted reduction in the workforce relating to the older demographic and increased mental health issues, we must ensure that there will be adequate social support for our citizens, especially the elders.
- 15. We cannot afford to be ill-prepared as healthcare is capital-intensive and any health investment should be coordinated and aligned accordingly with the federal government vision, centered around the Ministry of Health.
- 16. Not to mention, Malaysia is the 2nd highest country in the Asia Pacific region with a medical inflation rate and it is estimated to stand at 12.6% this year based on Aon's 2023 Global Medical Trend Rates Report.
- 17. It is understandable that it might be difficult for healthcare service providers and stakeholders to advocate for a minimum allocation of **5% GDP** budget for healthcare in Malaysia despite the

strong recommendation by the World Health Organisation as we need to consider the current government coffers and fiscal deficit.

## Ladies and gentlemen,

- 18. As we all know, the core values ingrained in the Madani concept introduced by Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim encompass Sustainability, Prosperity, Innovation, Respect, Trust, and Compassion.
- 19. These values are no doubt important and need to be embraced by healthcare workers and personnel.
- 20. Thus, I hope this 2-day conference will facilitate discussions on topics such as equitability, sustainability, cooperation, technology harnessing, and healthcare leadership, especially through the lens of university hospitals in this country.

21. On that note, thank you to everyone for coming today and I hope that you will enjoy the conference as well as HASA hospitality.

Without further ado,
with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*,
it gives me great pleasure to officiate the
5<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Academic Medical Centre.

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.