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Yang Berbahagia Professor Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor Vice-Chancellor Universiti Teknologi MARA

Cheque Presentation Ceremony: Awarding of Education Fund by Yayasan Arshad Ayub to the Faculty of Accountancy, UiTM

10 July 2023



Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Mohd Ibrahim Mohd Zain Chairman of Yayasan Arshad Ayub

Yang Berbahagia Professor Habibah Ashari Chief Executive Officer of Yayasan Arshad Ayub

Yang Berbahagia Puan Sri Rusila Abd Razak

Yang Berbahagia Professor Zaini Abdullah Puan Azrina Arshad,

Tuan Haji Kasmuri Sukardi,

Cik Asmahan Razak,

and other distinguished principal representatives of Yayasan Arshad Ayub and invitees.

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

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam Sejahtera and greetings to all.

- It is my pleasure to welcome the distinguished audience to this remarkable event, which is held to honour the awarding of education fund from Yayasan Arshad Ayub.
- 2) Before I go any further, I would like to take this opportunity to also acknowledge the presence of:

Yang Berbahagia

Professor Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International)

Yang Berbahagia Professor Dr Mohd Sazili Shahibi Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs)

Yang Berbahagia Professor Ts. Dr Norazah Abd Rahman Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)

Yang Berbahagia Professor Dr Mohamad Hariri Abdullah

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Industry, Community, and Alumni Network)

and

Yang Berbahagia Professor Dr Haslinda Yusoff Dean of the Faculty of Accountancy

Ladies and gentlemen,

 Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His blessings and for enabling us to gather here today to witness a significant moment for Universiti Teknologi MARA and Yayasan Arshad Ayub.

- 4) My heartiest congratulations to the Faculty of Accountancy which will receive a total of Two Hundred Thousand Ringgit Malaysia education fund sponsorship awarded by Yayasan Arshad Ayub today.
- 5) This is a testament to all the hard work and dedication that the faculty members have put in.
- Since the introduction of Yayasan Arshad Ayub in March 2008, several universities have been given due recognition through sponsorship awards.
- 7) Today, the Faculty of Accountancy of UiTM will be presented with education sponsorship for its outstanding contributions to the development of accountancy students.
- As the largest and most comprehensive university in Malaysia, UiTM is steadfast in the belief that education is the key to a bright future. Access to

education should therefore be available to everyone, regardless of their social background.

- 9) To bolster this viewpoint, UiTM strives to support its students to further their pursuit of education.
- 10) According to the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), the accounting profession is expected to grow, and Malaysia will require 60,000 qualified professional accountants by 2030.
- 11) Therefore, UiTM has invested substantially in cultivating talents equipped with the required skill sets and knowledge needed to compete, think, and innovate.
- 12) Over the last three decades, a holistic infrastructural ecosystem devoted to talent development has been conceptualised in our journey to nurture the students.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- 13) We believe with this initiative, the legacy of the late Tun Arshad Ayub who was known as the Father of ACCA for his role in introducing and supporting ACCA education in Malaysia, will continue.
- 14) Together with Yayasan Arshad Ayub, UiTM aims to ignite the nation's interest in looking forward to an outstanding accounting education industry.
- 15) Moreover, in line with the late Tun Arshad Ayub's vision, this sponsorship will enable students to have the opportunity to carve an **articulation pathway** for quality education performance.
- 16) The amount received will be allocated to sponsor the tuition fees for three major professional programmes within the faculty – A.C.C.A., C.I.M.A., I.C.A.E.W., and to high achievers accounting students.

- 17) Hence, I believe that the sponsorship award from Yayasan Arshad Ayub to the Faculty of Accountancy signifies stronger educational support, which will lead to many outstanding and successful accounting graduates in the years ahead and bring UiTM closer to becoming a Globally Renowned University.
- 18) On that note, I would also like to express my warmest appreciation to all trustee members for their unwavering support and commitment.
- 19) I look forward to the successful implementation of this sponsorship award to drive sustainable growth in education for nation-building.

Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warrahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.