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**Commemoration and Exchange Ceremony
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
between
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)
and
Medical Protection Society Limited**

4 September 2023

**Level 7, Canseleri Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, UiTM
Shah Alam**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Honourable guests:

Dr Robert A. Hendry
Medical Director
The Medical Protection Society Limited

Dr Kaema Nadarajan
Manager (Malaysia)
The Medical Protection Society Limited

and

Ms Joeky Leung

Regional Development Director Asia
The Medical Protection Society Limited

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Professor Dr Shahrizan Zainal Abidin

Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Internationalisation)
UiTM Global, Universiti Teknologi MARA

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Associate Professor Dr Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah

Dean
Faculty of Medicine, Universiti Teknologi MARA

**The management team from the Faculty of Medicine
and representatives from the Medical Protection
Society Limited**

Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen

Salutations

**(to be confirmed by the organiser on the day of the
event)**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Salam Sejahtera. Good afternoon to everyone.

- 1) *Alhamdulillah*, praise be to Allah S.W.T for His abundant blessings making it possible for us to gather here today to formalise and celebrate an important undertaking.

- 2) A warm welcome to all eminent guests and delegates from the **Medical Protection Society (MPS)**.

- 3) I would like to also acknowledge the presence of the delegation from the **Faculty of Medicine** led by **Associate Professor Dr Fazah Akhtar Hanapiah**, especially **Dr Aimi Nadia Mohd Yusof, Head of the Department of Medical Ethics and Law**.

- 4) A special mention also to **Dr Mark Tan Kiak Min**, the **Chair of the Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah Clinical Ethics Committee**, who is also the initiator of this MoU, and everyone else who has contributed to the success of this event.

- 5) It is a great honour for me to be here with you for the commemoration and exchange of the MoU between **UiTM and the Medical Protection Society (MPS)** which was signed earlier this year on the **3rd of March 2023**.

- 6) It is also a pleasure to have MPS as one of our international collaborators for **Medical Ethics and Law Engagements from 2023 to 2026**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- 7) — This MoU was signed based on the mutual friendship and cooperation between our institutions with the aim of promoting mutual understanding; academic, cultural, and scientific thinking; as well as staff exchange, and research cooperation in the field of **Medical Ethics and Law**.

- 8) — The UiTM Faculty of Medicine is proud of its **Ethics and Medical Jurisprudence** course.

9) — We are currently the first and still the only medical faculty in the country with an established **Department of Medical Ethics and Law**.

10) — We are committed to ensuring that our undergraduate medical students are imbued with proper knowledge of medical ethics and attitudes of professionalism by dedicating an afternoon each academic week during their clinical years for this purpose.

11) — In addition, we are also the only medical faculty in Malaysia to offer postgraduate studies in this field. As of this year, a total of **26 students** have graduated from our **Master in Medical Ethics and Medical Jurisprudence programme** since we started offering it in **2016**.

12) — To this end, I am very happy to take note of MPS's stature, not only because of its reputation as the world's leading protection organisation for doctors, dentists, and healthcare professionals but also because of its commitment and active engagement in research through the MPS Foundation.

13) — Most importantly, I am very pleased with its constant support for medical students.

Ladies and gentlemen,

14) — I am impressed with the initiatives that our two institutions have been involved in so far.

15) — Among these activities and initiatives are the lunch talk provided to our medical students and staff in August last year at our teaching hospital – **Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah**, as well as the support provided to our upcoming **UiTM International Conference on Clinical Ethics (UICCE) 2023** which will be held in a couple of days' time.

~~16)~~ I also would like to commend MPS on their efforts to offer complimentary indemnity to medical students, and we have benefitted from this as all our undergraduate medical students have now signed up with MPS as student members.

~~17)~~ I am very sure that both our institutions will continue to benefit from such future collaborations, and this is precisely why the MoU that we have signed is of such importance.

Ladies and gentlemen,

18) This partnership will certify our commitment to work together more closely towards a common goal of producing “good” doctors who will be able to influence the practice of medicine within ethical means, which will in turn lead to an improvement of healthcare services in Malaysia.

19) — I am confident that together – **UiTM and MPS** – will be able to accomplish more and continue to develop even stronger alliances and friendships.

20) — On that note, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to everyone involved in this meaningful endeavour.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**