

## OFFICIATING SPEECH

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**Para Ketua Jabatan, Pendaftar,**

**Seterusnya hadirin yang saya hormati sekalian.**

### **Salutations**

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

- 1.—Alhamdulillah, bersyukur ke hadrat Allah S.W.T kerana dengan limpah izin dan kurnia-Nya, dapat kita berhimpun bersama di bulan Ramadhan yang mulia dan penuh barakah ini.
- 2.—Saya amat mengalu-alukan kehadiran semua rakan sejawat UiTM kampus cawangan di seluruh negara ke **Conference of Heads of Academic Departments (CHAD) 2023.**

- 3.—Setinggi-tinggi penghargaan diucapkan kepada **Pejabat Timbalan Naib Canselor (Akademik & Antarabangsa)** bersama **Fakulti Undang-Undang** kerana telah menganjurkan program ini dan turut mengundang saya untuk merasmikan majlis yang penuh bermakna ini.
- 4.—Tidak lupa juga, jutaan terima kasih kepada para penceramah dan ahli panel jemputan kerana sudi berkongsi ilmu dengan kita semua.

**Hadirin yang dihormati sekalian, bagi meneruskan majlis ini, izinkan saya untuk berucap dalam Bahasa Inggeris.**

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**Ladies and gentlemen,**

- 5.—**CHAD 2023** is an annual event held by Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) which brings together academic leaders from different faculties, centres, and branches from all over the country.
- 6.—The conference functions as an excellent platform for our leaders to exchange ideas, best practices, and experiences in managing and improving the quality of higher education.

- 7.—This year, CHAD 2023 embraced **"Integrity in and beyond contemporary leadership in UiTM"** as its theme to consolidate the need to preserve the sanctity of academic integrity as the cornerstone of the education system.
- 8.—Integrity is a principle that upholds the value of honesty, trust, and fairness in all our academic endeavours which are fundamental for the pursuit of knowledge and the advancement of learning. It is upon these tenets that UiTM stands firm on maintaining a strong code of integrity in every facet of the university.
- 9.—More than just plagiarism or cheating, academic integrity also encompasses all aspects of academic work including research, teaching, administration, and management. As university leaders, we are responsible for ensuring that we are transparent in our decision-making processes and uphold our institution's values.
- 10.—Hence, it is imperative for us to be accountable for our actions and decisions and be willing to admit when we have made mistakes. We must hold ourselves and our

colleagues accountable for their actions, particularly in situations that go against our *Amanah* as academicians.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

11. I am sure there are numerous concerns regarding academic integrity, especially with the uprising of technological advancement and the recent emergence of easily accessible Artificial Intelligence (AI).
12. The recent update on AI has allowed users to benefit from multiple platforms to solicit help, from the most trivial concerns to the more complicated, educational, and confidential topics, prompting urgent discussions among the key players and decision-makers in the education field.
13. As educators, we must strategically tackle this new trend of students referring to chatbots like **ChatGPT** to produce assignments and answer test questions. Conversely, the use of AI has also facilitated educators to find teaching ideas and materials and has helped researchers to write better.

14. This subsequently raises burning questions on whether there is a need to review the use of digital tools and the demarcation of plagiarism and academic integrity not only for our students but our academic staff and those supporting our academic staff as well.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

15. This is where the leaders and heads of academic departments play crucial roles. Issues of integrity and confidentiality must be dealt with firmly, yet we must also understand that we cannot simply ban or turn away from technology.
16. We must stay on track with our goal of becoming a **Globally Renowned University by 2025**. So, let's begin by establishing the best practices and policies in managing arising issues to stay relevant and visible to the world, in line with our target of producing **Globally Marketable** university graduates and staff for a better impact on the global front.
17. Hence, as the basis, we need to ensure that we have systems in place to promote integrity and ethical behaviour within UiTM, from drafting policies and

procedures for financial reporting, to research conduct and conflict of interest management.

18. As leaders, it is our duty to set an example for our colleagues and fellow students to follow. We must demonstrate our commitment to upholding the values of our institutions and that we will not tolerate unethical behaviour. However, we also need to be fair, look beyond what is familiar, and be open to changes within reason.
19. As I conclude my speech, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and most profound appreciation to the **Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Professor Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, UiTM, Associate Professor Dr Hartini Saripan,** and the organising committee for their unwavering commitment and dedication to ensuring the success of this conference. Thank you to everyone for gracing us with your presence.

**On that note, with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,***

**I hereby officiate the**

**Conference of Heads of Academic Departments 2023.**



**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum**

**Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**