

WELCOME SPEECH

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**High-Tea with
FBM International Postgraduate Students 2023**

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**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and
a very good afternoon to all.**

**Yang Berbahagia
Prof. Dr Firdaus Abdullah**
Dean of the Faculty of Business and Management
(FBM) UiTM

**FBM leadership and management team, lecturers,
and international Postgraduate students**

Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen,

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to the Almighty as it is with His grace and blessings that we are able to gather here today for a **High Tea event** exclusively for **FBM International Postgraduate students**.
2. It is a privilege for me to be part of this momentous occasion and to welcome over 180 FBM international postgraduate students coming from at least 5 different countries.
3. We are delighted that you have chosen to come to UiTM. You should be proud that you are now officially students at the largest public university in Malaysia - a university that has attained many great achievements and accolades and strives to become a Globally Renowned University by 2025.
4. I am also really pleased to see that there are industry practitioners and representatives from professional bodies joining us in welcoming our international students. My heartfelt thanks for being here with us today.

5. Not forgetting, congratulations to the faculty and the organising committee for planning and executing this event.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Moving abroad to study, gain expert skills, and learn about a new culture is a memorable and character-building experience. In relation to this undertaking, please allow me to convince you that you have made the right decision to choose UiTM.
7. As a university, we have always been committed to providing the most conducive learning environment for our international students and we strive to always assist you.

8. Simultaneously, we have significantly increased the university's international profile and have enhanced the experience for international students at UiTM, partly through the creation of a dedicated department – **the Department of International Affairs** – as your support centre and to monitor your academic and non-academic experiences.

9. Hence, if you face difficulties and require some support while studying here, please reach out to us at the **Office of International Affairs** or get in touch with your counsellors, faculty advisors or deans.

10. I am eager to make UiTM a fully welcoming community in which all students have an opportunity to learn and grow and to contribute their views and efforts to the broader mission of the university.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

11. The Business and Management major responds to the growing needs of the business environment in Malaysia and beyond. This major provides rigorous analytical and quantitative training from a blend of fields including economics, finance, management, marketing, human resource, information system, supply chain operations, and other social sciences.

12. I am pleased to say that for the QS World University Ranking, UiTM is ranked in the Top 298 for Social Sciences and Management in 2022. In addition, UiTM ranks 104 out of 760 universities for the 2023 QS Asia University rankings.

13. Rest assured, the business and management academic programmes at this faculty aim to provide education and skills for your future career, and to you as a contributor to the economy, citizen, and human being.

14. In tandem with UiTM's Strategic Plan 2025, the university always ensures that the programmes offered will meet the industry requirements while safeguarding the competitiveness and competency of our students and staff in the global market.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

15. To date, many initiatives have been undertaken which include obtaining accreditations and certifications from industry and professional bodies and warranting the active involvement of industry practitioners in the delivery and design of our academic programmes.

16. UiTM is determined to deliver a specially tailored and stimulating postgraduate learning experience for you. We are determined to help you reach your fullest potential, realise your plans with our cutting-edge programmes, and work collaboratively with our experts in respective study and research fields.

17. I believe that once you have graduated, you will make great contributions to your home country, or perhaps to Malaysia, or to other communities that you may eventually join. I truly hope that you will consider continuing to be part of the UiTM family for the rest of your lives.
18. On that note, I end my speech with my deepest thank you. I wish you all the best in your academic journey and may you have many fond memories of the time you spent here in UiTM and in Malaysia.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**