

## **WELCOME SPEECH**

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Prof. Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor  
Vice-Chancellor  
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**Keynote Address**  
by the Honourable Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan  
for the  
**3<sup>rd</sup> UiTM International Conference on Law and  
Society (i-CLaS 2023)**

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**The Honourable Justice**  
**Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan**  
Federal Court Judge of Malaysia

**The Right Honourable Justice**  
**Tun Dato' Seri Zaki Tun Azmi**  
Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Centre  
Courts

**Honourable judges and Exco members of the Inns of Court Malaysia,**

**Honoured guests from collaborating international universities**

**Yang Berusaha**

**Mr Khalid Yusof**

Deputy President of the UiTM Law Alumni Association

**Yang Berusaha**

**Associate Professor Dr Hartini Saripan**

Dean of the Faculty of Law, UiTM

**Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.**

**Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.  
Salam Sejahtera and good morning to everyone.**

### **Salutations**

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

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T by whose grace and blessings enabled us to gather today for a special session brought by the **3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment of the UiTM International Conference on Law and Society (i-CLaS 2023).**

2. On behalf of the Vice-Chancellor of UiTM, Professor Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor, I am pleased to welcome everyone to this Keynote address session and I am truly honoured to be in the presence of such a dignified audience.
3. Professor Datuk sends her warmest regards to everyone, especially to our eminent keynote speaker - the **Honourable Justice Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan, Federal Court Judge of Malaysia and Deputy President of Inns of Court Malaysia.**
4. Our most profound gratitude for your Ladyship's graciousness to be here and deliver the keynote address, which will add unparalleled distinction to the conference.
5. My deepest gratitude also goes to the **Right Honourable Justice Tun Dato' Seri Zaki Tun Azmi, Chief Justice of the Dubai International Financial Court Centres and Advisor of Inns of Court Malaysia,** and all honourable justices, and

Exco members of the **Inns of Court Malaysia** for gracing us with your presence today.

6. Not to mention, my warmest appreciation to our esteemed collaborators and all Adjunct Professors of UiTMLaw for joining us today.
7. We are truly honoured to host renowned judges, practitioners, alumni, and legal industry players in our hallowed halls for this conference.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

8. The organising and hosting of this conference is proof that the development of the law in Malaysia is a cause that is close to our hearts.
9. We have witnessed a total of **88 papers** from various countries including Indonesia, Thailand, Jordan, Maldives, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom presented at this year's instalment of **UiTM i-CLaS**.

10. Moreover, we also host distinguished plenary speakers from Japan, Morocco, and Thailand, including the **Honourable Tun Richard Malanjum, Ombudsperson to the United Nations Security Council.**
11. As a university, we take pride in our role as a catalyst for positive change, and we are determined to contribute to the growth and development of the legal landscape in our nation.
12. For a long time, UiTM has recognised the critical role that legal education plays in fostering positive change.
13. We are committed to producing top legal graduates who are not only well-versed in the intricacies of the law but also possess the compassion and determination to drive beneficial legal reforms.
14. Nevertheless, legal education alone is not enough. It is through the guidance and mentorship of

eminent jurists from the bench and top industry players that will help our students gain a deeper understanding of the nuances of legal reforms and their implications for sustainable development.

15. Hence, we are truly grateful and humbled by the presence of the **Honourable Justice Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan**, who graciously agreed to share her insights and wisdom with our guests and participants.
16. Her Ladyship's impressive legal career and experiences as Judicial Commissioner up to her post as Federal Court Judge can provide us with valuable perspectives and much-needed inspiration.
17. Most importantly, her kind presence as our speaker today is a testament to her profound commitment to supporting legal education and shaping our society.

**Ladies and gentlemen,**

18. I am confident that this keynote address will give precious insights into the current legal practice landscape and inspire us to make positive changes to benefit the field and profession in line with the goal of sustainable development.
19. Before I end, I would like to congratulate the organising committee led by **Dr Norazlina Abd Aziz**, under the leadership of the **Dean Associate Professor Dr Hartini Saripan** for making this conference a reality.
20. My sincere thanks once again to the **Honourable Justice Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan** for making the time to share her thoughts and wisdom with us.
21. I look forward to greater future engagements between **UiTM** and the **Inns of Court Malaysia**.
22. Without further ado, I will now return the stage to our guest of honour – the **Honourable Justice Dato' Mary Lim Thiam Suan** to deliver her keynote

**address for the 3<sup>rd</sup> UiTM International Conference  
on Law and Society 2023.**

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**