

WELCOME SPEECH

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Signing Ceremony Memorandum of Understanding between Universiti Teknologi MARA and Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Esteemed guests,

Puan Chong Pay Yi
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**Executive management members of both Alpro
Pharmacy Sdn Bhd and UiTM,**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh and greetings to everyone.

Salutations

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

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His blessings and the opportunity to gather here today for another significant endeavour for UiTM, especially for the Faculty of Pharmacy.
2. A warm welcome I bid to all in attendance for the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony between Universiti Teknologi MARA and the Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd.**
3. It is an honour for me to be here to witness a great beginning to a new partnership that can strengthen networks across the pharmaceutical industry.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. As the largest comprehensive university in Malaysia with 34 campuses nationwide, UiTM is home to currently over **187,000 students** enrolled in more than 500 academic courses.
5. For more than 60 years, UiTM has been at the forefront of producing competent and capable graduates in various disciplines. To date, we have produced **over 1 million graduates** working in various sectors locally and abroad.
6. With the goal of **Global Marketability** in mind, it is pertinent for the university to remain relevant and competitive by offering programmes that resonate with the needs and demands of the market.
7. To understand these needs, the university must establish strong relationships with industries and employers, collaborate on projects, and strategically share expertise and academic discovery.

8. This is why collaborations with the industry such as the one we are about to embark on today with **Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd** are necessary.
9. I was informed that Alpro Pharmacy is Malaysia's largest prescription pharmacy chain with a vision to create a healthy and vibrant world by providing diversified healthcare services.
10. The company is run by a strong and experienced management team and succeeded to open more than **20 outlets in 1 year** which led to **revenue growth of 300%**.
11. Alpro Pharmacy has also won several awards such as Malaysian Business of the Year 2022 and the Platinum Award for Best in CSR and Best in Customer Service. This is such an amazing success story and the more reason we need to collaborate with Alpro Pharmacy.

12. I am delighted to know that UiTM and Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd have already initiated activities for students' experiential learning and employability such as **professional mock interviews for graduating students, placements for Pre-registered Pharmacist Training, Alpro prestige Academic Scholarship, and Community Projects.**
13. These activities expose students to an authentic job environment and promote a better understanding of work expectations in the pharmaceutical field.
14. I am most pleased that the collaboration with Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd will also entail the opportunity to **enhance employability** as students will gain valuable skills and experience that would give them an advantage in the job market and catch the attention of potential employers.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

15. The formation of this MoU is an important milestone for both establishments and commemorates a meaningful relationship between **UiTM** and **Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd**. With diverse interests and expertise between our organisations, more impactful collaborative activities could emerge and benefit society.

16. I would like to conclude by expressing my sincere thanks to all the representatives from Alpro Pharmacy Sdn Bhd and the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM for ensuring the success of today's MoU signing.

17. My best wishes to everyone and I look forward to a successful long-term collaboration between our organisations.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**