#### **WELCOME REMARKS**

## Yang Berbahagia Prof. Datuk Dr Hajah Roziah Mohd Janor Vice-Chancellor Universiti Teknologi MARA

Signing Ceremony
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
between
Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)
and
University of Portsmouth (UoP) United Kingdom

3 July 2023



Esteemed guests from the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom:

## **Professor Chris Chang**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Global Engagement and Student Life

#### Ms Adele Wong

Interim Deputy Director UoP Global, Regional Director (Southeast and East Asia)

#### **Professor Homagni Choudhury**

Head of the School of Accounting, Economics, and Finance

## Ms Lena Itangata

Assistant Head (Global) of the School of Accounting, Economics, and Finance

## **UiTM management and colleagues:**

## Yang Berbahagia Professor Datin Dr Suzana Sulaiman

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic & International)

## Yang Berbahagia Professor Dr Shahriman Zainal Abidin

Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Internationalisation) UiTM Global

## Yang Berbahagia Professor Dr Haslinda Yusoff

Dean of the Faculty of Accountancy

# Distinguished guests, faculty members, ladies, and gentlemen

#### **Salutations**

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

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh. Salam Sejahtera and good afternoon.

- Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T for His blessings which made it possible for us to gather and witness the beginning of an important collaborative endeavour.
- 2) A very warm welcome and Selamat Datang to all eminent guests to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and the University of Portsmouth (UoP).
- I am beyond thrilled and optimistic about the wonderful possibilities that can be derived from this historic partnership.
- 4) UiTM is well informed of UoP's strong academic reputation and its strong commitment to creating an even stronger international academic presence.
- 5) Likewise, UiTM over the decades, has earned its own place by providing the highest quality of education for Malaysians, many of whom now hold leadership roles locally and around the world.

6) I am, therefore, hopeful that we can embark on various academic undertakings that would benefit both institutions and societies.

## Ladies and gentlemen,

- The 21st century presents new and 7) challenges and opportunities. Our vision continued excellence is to invest even more resources to enhance knowledge foster and efforts wide-ranging research to meet these challenges, maximising new opportunities for the progression of the nation.
- 8) Together with the University of Portsmouth, UiTM aims to propel the university and nation toward **Quality Education** and **Global Excellence**.
- 9) Consistent with the **Sustainable Development Goal** of promoting education globally, UiTM has taken the initiative to integrate the vision-driven policy into

action transformation through teaching and learning, research, and innovation.

- 10) This is also executed with the integration of technology which corresponds with the Industrial Revolution 4.0.
- 11) In this era of globalisation and interdependence, cooperative partnerships with other institutions of academic excellence around the world is not an option, but instead a necessity.
- 12) No single university, no matter how large or well-endowed, can address future challenges by itself.
- 13) Hence, through this partnership, students and academicians can experience Articulation Pathways for quality education performance.
- 14) Our collaboration today will also open doors to faculties from both institutions to engage in the

exchange of ideas as subject matter experts or specialists.

## Ladies and gentlemen,

- 15) The signing of this MoU and Exchange Agreement between our two institutions formalises a partnership that will produce new synergies of high academic value, leading to many joint scholarly and research initiatives for UoP and UiTM in the years ahead.
- 16) On that note, I thank all parties involved for initiating and working dedicatedly toward this new partnership.
- 17) Congratulations and best wishes to all on this new endeavour. I look forward to the successful implementation of our MoU.

#### Thank you.

Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.