



FOREWORD

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim.

My heartfelt congratulations to the Faculty of Dentistry, Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and its organising committee on the success of the **13th Dental Students' Scientific Symposium 2023** that attests to the university's continuous effort in upholding research endeavours and knowledge pursuit among UiTM students and academics.

Along with the growing body of scientific knowledge, the necessity for research inclusion in dental education has risen. Implementing scientific discoveries through research and scholarly activities in dental education has become compelling especially in sustaining oral health advancement and supporting lifelong learners.

As a far-seeing higher education institution, UiTM encourages and promotes science and innovation that will incorporate the knowledge of technological advances, and evidence-based approaches in its curricula. UiTM also acknowledges the importance of research training to produce scientifically oriented dental practitioners.

With a history of the establishment of over 60 years and as the largest and the most comprehensive university in Malaysia, UiTM shall remain significant and sustainable to safeguard the future of Bumiputeras and the next generations of Malaysians who will contribute to the nation's economy and global reputation.

Most importantly, UiTM aspires to become a **Globally Renowned University (GRU) by 2025** and strives to produce human capital, especially graduates with **Global Marketability**. It is, therefore, the mission of the university to help increase the graduates' marketability and competitiveness in the global labour market. Exposure to knowledge sharing and research-oriented programmes such as this scientific symposium would hopefully help to enhance the employability and quality of our graduates.

On that note, I wish all participants, especially our young and budding researchers, an enjoyable and rewarding experience at the symposium.

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