

WELCOME REMARKS

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Graduands and Alumni Appreciation Ceremony

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Yang Berbahagia
Professor Dr Jamaliah Said
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Former Director
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Yang Berbahagia
Professor Dr Azizah Abdullah
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Yang Berbahagia
Professor Dr Roshima Said
Rector
UiTM Cawangan Kedah

Yang Berbahagia
Professor Ir Dr Zuhaina Haji Zakaria
Dean
Institute of Graduate Studies (IPSS), UiTM

Yang Berbahagia
Professor Dr Haslinda Yusoff
Dean
Faculty of Accountancy, UiTM

Yang Berbahagia
Professor Dr Ayub Md Som
Dean (Industry, Community, and Alumni Network)
College of Engineering, UiTM

Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen.

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

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.
Salam Sejahtera and good evening.

- 1) Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T for His grace and blessings that led to this meaningful gathering.
- 2) First, I would like to thank the Accounting Research Institute (ARI) for inviting me to their special **Graduands and Alumni Appreciation Ceremony**.
- 3) It is a privilege to be here and together commemorate the journey and achievements of our students.
- 4) Tonight, we celebrate our remarkable PhD graduates and alumni from the **Accounting Research Institute (ARI)** – our internationally recognised **Higher Institution Centre of Excellence (HiCoE)**.
- 5) My heartfelt congratulations to each one of you on completing your studies here. You have made us proud, and we are honoured to have you as our **Alumni**.
- 6) Kudos and well done also to ARI for having **17** of your PhD graduates celebrated in the **97th UiTM Convocation**

Ceremony, representing close to **10% of the total PhD graduates** for this ceremony.

7) This is quite the achievement and as Vice-Chancellor, I am beyond thrilled to witness and celebrate the outcome of years of hard work, dedication, and academic pursuit.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8) The education received at UiTM's ARI goes beyond the classroom. The institute provides a world-class education that equips students and graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in an increasingly interconnected world.

9) ARI's commitment to cutting-edge research and innovation empowers its students and graduates to tackle real-world challenges, making them agents of positive change in their communities and beyond.

10) Moreover, the rigour of the programmes and the expertise of the faculty ensures that students and

graduates are well-prepared to compete in the global marketplace.

11) On top of that, the students from the institute are made up of diverse backgrounds, bringing in the richness of their respective cultures and experiences and creating a genuinely **global academic environment** that is aligned with the university's goal of producing **globally marketable** graduates and ultimately becoming a **Globally Renowned Institution of higher learning**.

12) I am certain that this **academic and cultural experience** can subsequently become a **catalyst** for fostering understanding and friendship between nations and building bridges of mutual respect and cooperation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

13) Once again, I extend my warmest congratulations to all graduands and alumni.

14) You have embarked on a journey of exploration, leaving behind the comforts of home to seek knowledge and expertise in our institution.

15) Your presence at the university has enriched our community, and I firmly believe that your contributions will extend far beyond the walls of our institution.

16) Always remember to cherish the memories of your time at UiTM and let them serve as a foundation for future collaborations and endeavours.

17) The synergy between our local and international students and the university community is undeniable.

18) It is essential to acknowledge that this journey does not end here. Today will be the beginning of a new chapter in your life where you will carry the torch of knowledge and impact the world.

19) On that note, I hope that you will remain connected to this university, your peers, and the friends you have made here.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**