

## **WELCOME REMARKS**

Yang Berbahagia  
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**Signing Ceremony  
Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
Universiti Teknologi MARA  
and  
Beijing Union University**

**1 December 2023**

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### **Esteemed guests:**

**Ms Zhou Tong**  
Vice-President  
Beijing Union University (BUU)

**Yang Berusaha**  
**Dr Ikhwan Naim Md. Nawi**  
Deputy Director (Academic, Research & Innovation)  
Centre of Foundation Studies  
UiTM Selangor Branch, Dengkil Campus

**Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen**

**Salutations**

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

***Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.***

***Salam Sejahtera. Good morning, everyone.***

1. *Alhamdulillah*, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for the blessings bestowed upon us and the chance to assemble for another important undertaking for UiTM, especially for the **Centre of Foundation Studies of UiTM**.
2. A very warm welcome and *Selamat Datang* to all eminent guests to the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony** between **Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Beijing Union University (BUU)**.
3. It is an honour to be here with all of you to witness and celebrate a great beginning to a new partnership.

4. I am also beyond thrilled and optimistic about the many wonderful prospects that can be drawn from this collaborative endeavour.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

5. As we move forward, we must continue to recognise the importance of global partnerships in higher education.
6. With a common goal of providing **high-quality education** and **research opportunities** to students, this MoU will enable **UiTM and BUU** to foster academic and research cooperation between our institutions.
7. We are honoured to collaborate with the **Beijing Union University (BUU)** as it is recognised for its excellence in education, research, and community engagement.

8. With its vision to innovate solutions that promote the convergence of ideas towards a sustainable world, BUU is the right choice for a partnership with UiTM.
9. This pursuit will allow our universities to facilitate mobility between our faculty members and students, collaborate on research projects, and offer joint academic programmes where we can learn and grow, both academically and culturally.
10. I trust that this MoU will lead to the advancement of education and research in our respective institutions through leveraging each other's strengths and resources and working together towards common goals.
11. I also hope that our collaboration will help to bridge the gap between academic institutions and industry and contribute to the development of our society and economy.

12. Most of all, I anticipate that these academic collaborations will contribute to UiTM's aspiration of becoming a **Globally Renowned University by 2025** and support efforts to produce **globally marketable** graduates and staff for both institutions.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

13. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the leadership of Beijing Union University for their willingness to collaborate with us and to everyone who has contributed their time and effort to making this partnership a reality.

14. I am confident that we will have truly enriching experiences that will benefit both the staff as well as the students.

15. Let us commit to this partnership and to working towards the advancement of higher education and research.

16. My best wishes to everyone and I look forward to a successful long-term alliance between our institutions.

**Thank you.**

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum  
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**