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Ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and greetings to all.

Salutations

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

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for His grace and blessings that made this momentous occasion possible.
2. It is a great pleasure for me to welcome everyone to the **Virtual Innovation Competition 2023 (VIC 2023)**. I am thrilled to be given the honour to address all guests and participants and officiate this remarkable international event.
3. Allow me to extend my greatest appreciation to **DIGIT360 Sdn Bhd** – a startup company under UiTM, **Digital Information Interest Group (DIGIT)**, and the **College of Computing, Informatics, and Media, UiTM Kelantan Branch** for hosting **VIC 2023**.

4. I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to all the strategic partners for their invaluable support. Thank you also to the organising committees, jury members, and all individuals who have directly and indirectly worked hand in hand to ensure the success of this event.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. The emergence of novel technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, robotics, and the Internet of Things has rapidly transformed industries and societies.

6. Due to these factors, the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR 4.0) stresses the significance of innovations more than ever by encouraging the adaptation of technological advancements that increase productivity and efficiency while addressing societal issues, economic development, and prosperity.

7. Considering the development, hosting this virtual innovation competition is timely as we aim to discover and honour meaningful inventions from various fields and streams.

8. **VIC 2023** sets out to provide a platform for innovators to showcase their exceptional ability in manifesting their brainchild from abstract ideas to a tangible product with high-commercial values, leading to an unprecedented surge of innovations to benefit our community.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. I am amazed by the substantial amount of participation for **VIC 2023** which has drawn attention from inventors and innovators not only in Malaysia, but also in the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei, Thailand, and Vietnam.

10. I am confident that innovation competitions like **VIC 2023** are necessary and in high demand given the encouraging participation.
11. Most importantly, these competitions foster a culture of creativity and innovation, providing avenues to showcase groundbreaking ideas, inventions, and achievements.
12. We should continuously support initiatives that would draw out useful ideas, especially from our brilliant young people to progress as a country and society.
13. Let's encourage a culture of continuous improvement, discovering new alternatives to overcome daily challenges through creativity and innovation, with the goal of sustainability in mind.

14. On that note, I thank everyone for coming today and for keeping the spirit of research and innovation alive.
15. Congratulations to all the special award winners for their exceptional innovative ventures.

**Without further ado,
with *Bismillahirrahmanirrahim*,
it gives me great pleasure to officiate
the Virtual Innovation Competition 2023 (VIC 2023).**

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.**