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**Signing Ceremony
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between
Universiti Teknologi MARA
and
Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani Indonesia**

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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Senior Management of the Faculty of Medicine,

Respected guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, dan Salam Sejahtera.

Salutations

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

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T. for it is with His blessings that we are able to gather this morning at the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony between Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani (Unjani), Indonesia.**
2. Congratulations to the **UiTM Faculty of Medicine** for organising this event to pioneer the collaboration of expertise through numerous programmes between the two universities such as conferences, joint

research, publications, sharing sessions, and many more.

3. A very warm welcome and '*Selamat Datang*' to our newest partner from **Universitas Jenderal Achmad Yani Indonesia (Unjani)** led by **Professor Hikmahanto Juwana**. We are delighted to host you as our guests and thank you for being here with us today.

4. It is a great honour to be here with all of you to witness the MoU signing between **UiTM** and **Unjani** as it commemorates another important chapter in UiTM's partnership with its Indonesian university counterparts.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. This MoU is expected to pave the way for more agreements and more extensive collaborations between the two universities that are not limited to the

field of medicine, but other disciplines of common interests, too.

6. However, I strongly believe that there is immense potential for UiTM to be a game-changer in the field of medicine. I am also optimistic that this would allow UiTM to play a key consultancy role to stakeholders in the country, and perhaps even the region.
7. The MoU that we are about to sign today focuses on international academic cooperation such as the organisation of symposia, conferences, short courses, and meetings on research issues.
8. It also entails the exchange of related academic information as well as the mutual promotion of activities for both universities.

9. I am anticipating active institutional exchanges which will enable staff and student mobility from both institutions through attachment programmes and help us to be more **Globally Marketable**.

Ladies and gentlemen,

10. I believe this MoU is timely as it commits us to work together more closely towards our common goal in pursuit of the internationalisation of education through efforts to promote and spearhead intellectual and human capital development.
11. As the largest and most comprehensive public university in Malaysia, a collaboration with Indonesia's Smart Military University would leverage our global competitiveness in the development of innovative academic and training programmes.

12. There is no doubt that we are adamant about ensuring our university's visibility to the world, and for UiTM personally, it marks a step closer to transforming the university into a **Globally Renowned University** by 2025.
13. Not to mention, UiTM's very own teaching hospital known as **Hospital Al-Sultan Abdullah** will begin the development of its very own **Vaccine Production Centre** that will lead research in producing local vaccines for global benefits.
14. We took up this progressive move as an initiative to create a universal knowledge centre that will allow our country to become a **lynchpin** for talent and knowledge hub.

Ladies and gentlemen,

15. An international collaboration like this will further enhance research and development in the field of **medicine, pharmacy and health sciences** through the sharing of expertise between our researchers to embark on world-class discovery that will benefit not just our institutions, but our countries altogether.

16. I am confident that with vigorous efforts and commitment, we will be able to attain our goals as well as develop a strong relationship and friendship to warrant a successful implementation of this MoU.

17. Hence, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone whose efforts have led to today's event.

18. I would like to thank especially the UiTM Office of International Affairs and the Faculty of Medicine for following through with this MoU.

19. May the signing ceremony run smoothly and best wishes for our future collaborations.

Thank you.

**Wabillahi Taufiq Walhidayah Wassalamualaikum
Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**