

Assalamu'alaikum wrt. wbt and Good evening to:

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First and foremost, I thank ALLAH the Almighty for giving us the inspiration and strength in ensuring the realization of the first IAP meeting in the year 2010. I sincerely welcome and congratulate the newly appointed Industry Advisory Panel (IAP) to this meeting. I would also like to congratulate the Industry and Community Network (ICNet) and its committee for their efforts in organizing this meeting.

UTeM is indeed grateful to IAP for the commitment and cooperation rendered to us by the experts from the industry as this collaboration illustrates the strategic alliance between the University and industry. With the extended expertise in the respective disciplines, I believe that a formula can be worked out to enhance the role of UTeM as a significant contributor to the nation's human capital resources. This role is in line with the mission of the University to produce highly competent professionals through quality learning and research via smart University-Industry partnership.

UTeM, like any institutions of higher learning, is responsible for producing high caliber human capital which is needed for the current and future industrial development of the country. Universities are expected to think creatively ahead to face global challenges. Thus, in order to compete in the global market, it is necessary to have professionals with a forward thinking mind-set. This is to ensure that the University is responsive to the changes of rapid industrial transformation. Constructive contributions from industry experts are crucial in generating ideas that will enable UTeM to fulfill its aspirations as well as meet the needs of the industries.

I hope that this meeting would serve as a platform for new ideas with a win-win situation in mind, whereby the aspiration of UTeM will be fully realised and at the same time, the needs of industry and community are fulfilled.

To all IAP members, we highly appreciate your continuous support and constructive contributions, and may this meeting lead to the achievement of its objectives. Thank you.

Wabillahi taufik. Wassamu'alaikum wrt. wbt.