

WELCOMING SPEECH

REPRESENTATIVE

VICE CHANCELLOR

NATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR MELAKA STATE

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DEWAN UTEM 1

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh
Salah Sejahtera, Salam Satu Malaysia

Salam Melaka Maju Negeriku Sayang, Negeri Bandar Teknologi Hijau,
Melaka 754 tahun, Melaka Maju Fasa 2, Berkat, Tepat, Cepat.

Bismillahirrahmanirahim.

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Senior Management of UTeM, Participants, Members of the organizing
committee and Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. First and foremost, I would like to convey greetings from Y.Bhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Shahrin bin Sahib, Vice Chancellor of UTeM who is unable to be with us today due to another prior commitment that need to be attended. He sends his warmest regards and hopes that this program will run smoothly, successfully and will achieve the desired objectives.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

2. Alhamdulillah, first and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to Allah SWT for His Blessings and Mercy has enabled us to gather here today for this auspicious and important event, **The National Science Challenge 2016 for Melaka State Level.**
3. I would also like to extend my warmest welcome to the officers from Akademi Sains Malaysia, teachers and students from participating schools and schools around Melaka, participants and all guests who are here for the programme.

Pergi berhuma di Tanjung Rokan,
Sebelum pulang mengail ikan,
Kehadiran tuan-puan UTeM alu-alukan,
Kecil telapak tangan nyiru kami tadahkan

4. Thank you for choosing UTeM as the venue for this competition. As the 1st Technical University in Malaysia, UTeM is committed in nurturing young minds with interests in Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM). We are glad to be given this opportunity to collaborate with the Akademi Sains Malaysia and thus opening our doors to potential students who may one day be engineers, scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, IT experts and even leaders of our nation.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. The National Science Challenge (NSC) is the nation's premier science competition which is open to Malaysian students aged 16. It was initiated in 2014, with the aim of promoting the interest in science among students and the local public. Apart from being a platform to promote science education, this competition also provides a fun and informal learning experience for the participants and audience alike.
6. At this juncture, I would like to applaud the effort of Akademi Sains Malaysia in organizing competitions such as the National Science for programmes of this nature will undoubtedly accelerate and attract students attention and deep interest in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics which is in line with the

aspiration of the nation of developing future generations with an inclination towards STEM.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

7. With a dedicated approach in promoting STEM, we can rest assured that our future workforce will have been equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills that will prepare them to brace the challenges as technocrats who are highly skilled, creative and innovative, and with the ability to drive the nation towards realising our aspirations of a developed nation in 2020 especially in the field of science and technology.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

8. The advent of science and technology has inadvertently changed our way of life in many ways. In the area of teaching and learning in schools, colleges and even universities, we have adopted optimum

use of technology in disseminating knowledge. This is especially so to ensure that the methods used complements the interest and intelligence of the Gen-Y, who as we know, like all of you who are present today, are among the IT prodigy, highly creative and innovative and always robust towards new technology. Through STEM, university such as UTeM has introduced various high-tech teaching and learning methods through extensive use of student-centered highly interactive approach where students are immersed in project-based, multidisciplinary activities and learning through the inquiry method. An example would be like today's Science Quiz, where apart from enhancing students interest in the subject matter, it also invigorates the young minds to probe further thinking and investigation that could one day spark new findings or solutions that may one day be used to solve problems faced by industries.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

9. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parties involved in making this programme a success. To the Akademi Sains Malaysia, UTeM extends our sincere gratitude for sharing such a meaningful programme with us. To the Chancellery Management & Relations Office, thank you for the effort in ensuring that the program today is well organized and well-coordinated. We hope that this competition will be a yearly program specially held at UTeM and we offer our campus ground as the host for many more competitions to come.
10. On that note, I end my speech with thank you. Wabillahi Taufiq Wal hidayah, Wassalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.