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UTeM Career Connect@Ind-E-Zone
Launch Ceremony

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh

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

Yang Berhormat Datuk Wira Haji Md Yunus bin Husin

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Assistant Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Network)

Yang Berbahagia Prof. Datuk Dr Zolkepli Bin Buang

Assistant Vice Chancellor (Development & Facility Management)

Senior Management of UTeM, Distinguished Guests from TalentCorp, Distinguished Guests from industries, Media representatives, Members of the organizing committee, lecturers, participants of TalentCorp@UTeM Employability Boot Camp, Students and representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. 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 event, the **LAUNCH CEREMONY OF UTeM CAREER CONNECT@IND-E-ZONE.**

Ladies and gentlemen,

2. Welcome to UTeM, the 1st Technical Public University in Malaysia. Reaching its sixteen years of establishment, with our tagline “Always A Pioneer, Always Ahead”, UTeM forges ahead in pioneering and trail blazing new initiatives through academic programmes that support the aspiration of higher technical education with an enhanced emphasis in developing pronounced technical skills (TEVT) among its graduates. Throughout the years, UTeM has been working closely with industries in producing talented young people for our nation. With the setting up of this Industrial Engagement Zone (Ind-E-Zone), we hope to provide a strategic platform for more industries to synergise with UTeM.

3. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my gratitude to TalentCorp for setting up their 13th Ind-E-Zone in UTeM. This initiative by TalentCorp is aimed at establishing a zone within the campus that is solely dedicated to encourage direct interfacing between UTeM in general and our students, in specific, with the industries.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

4. TalentCorp's initiative in setting up Ind-E-Zone at UTeM main Library is greatly lauded. Ind-E-Zone complements UTeM Career Connect as a centre that offers advices to students regarding career choices and services. With this aim in mind, we hope to

provide an environment in which students patronize the library not only for self-studying and referencing, but also for potential career consulting and job opening.

5. Apart from the meeting facilities that are provided, Ind-E-Zone also provides a service counter and a thematic gallery where information related to graduate employability can be obtained. The inaugural theme for the gallery, in conjunction with the launch today is **‘Where Do UTeM Graduates Work?’**

Ladies & Gentlemen,

6. The establishment of UTeM Career Connect@Ind-E-Zone is in line with our mission to achieve the target of 80% graduate employability for 2016. Special programmes have been organized to assist in proliferating employability among UTeM graduates, one of which is the launch of the '*Pengangguran Mengerikan! Jom Bina Kerjaya! Jom Jadi Usahawan*' campaign. This drive is aimed at creating an awareness among final year students to be well prepared for the robust job market and to gather sufficient knowledge related to their field of interest, while they are still in campus before securing their first job upon graduation. It is never too soon to secure a job now then regret and become jobless later.

7. Parallel to the setting up of Ind-E-Zone I'm glad to announce the forming of '*Team Kerjaya*', a pilot group consisting of students who are directly involved in organizing and managing graduate employability-related programmes and Ind-E-Zone from students perspectives for their peers. Five students from the group have been chosen as 'GE Avenger TalentCorp' who will be representing TalentCorp in managing Ind-E-Zone in UTeM. I hope with this appointment and the spirit of 'Soaring Upwards', and 'Always A Pioneer, Always Ahead', all of you will learn, contribute and enjoy the journey and the learning curve as members of the 'Team Kerjaya' or 'GE Avengers'.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

8. At this juncture, I would like to thank the committee especially the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Network) and Committee of Ind-E-Zone whom I believe have rendered much effort in the setting up of UTeM Career Connect@ Ind-E-Zone. I would also like to wish all 140 students participating in the TalentCorp@UTeM Employability Boot Camp, best of luck in your interview session to be conducted soon after this launching ceremony today. You have made the right decision in seizing this opportunity to secure your first job with the industry. To all industries representatives, you are always welcomed to UTeM Career Connect@Ind-E-

Zone, which would certainly be the best platform to get connected to UTeM students. For the interview, I hope you will meet up with this group of proactive and well-prepared graduates-to-be and thus, assist them in securing their first job.

9. Thank you and **Wabillahi taufiq wal hidayah, wassalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.**