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SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

ASSALAMUALAIKUM, SALAM SEJAHTERA AND
GOOD EVENING.

IT IS MY GREAT HONOUR AND PLEASURE TO
WELCOME OUR ADVISORS TO THE FIRST MEETING
OF THE KOLEJ UNIVERSITI TEKNIKAL KEBANGSAAN
MALAYSIA INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY PANEL (IAP)
WHICH TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING.

TO OUR OVERSEAS PANEL MEMBERS, I WISH YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY A WARM '*SELAMAT DATANG*' TO
MELAKA – THE HISTORICAL CITY OF MALAYSIA. I
HOPE YOU ALL WILL HAVE A PLEASANT STAY AND
ENJOY THE LOCAL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS AND
EXOTIC EASTERN QUISINES.

WHILE YOU ARE HERE I WOULD ALSO ADVISE YOU
TO TAKE SOME TIME TO VISIT MANY HISTORICAL
LANDMARKS AND ZONES WHICH ARE JUST ROUND
THE CORNER OF THE HOTEL FOR YOU TO
WITNESS AND REMINISCE THE TIME DURING
WHICH THE DUTCH, PORTUEGESE AND BRITISH
LANDED ON THE SHORE OF MALACCA MANY

YEARS AGO. YOU WILL COME ACROSS NAMES OF LANES AND DISTRICTS WHICH EXPLAIN THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AS THE RESULTS OF THIS HISTORY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

ALLOW ME TO CONGRATULATE THE ADVISORS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND ENLIGHTENING MEETING THAT WAS HELD THIS MORNING. WE HAVE MANAGED TO DISCUSS MANY ISSUES AND I GIVE MY PLEDGE THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS RECOMMENDED AND ALL SUGGESTIONS MADE WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND WITH PROPER PLANNING. THE BOTTOM LINE IS FOR KUTKM TO BE ABLE TO EXECUTE ITS STRATEGIC PLANS SPECIFICALLY THE INDUSTRIAL PLAN 2006-2010 EFFECTIVELY UNDER THE GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP OF IAP MEMBERS TO ACHIEVE OUR

MISSION THROUGH SMART UNIVERSITY INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP.

WITH YOUR ENRICHING EXPERIENCE AND THROUGH MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION HELD THIS MORNING, BRILLIANT SUGGESTIONS WERE COMPILED WHICH WERE MADE TO BE IN TANDEM WITH KUTKM'S VISION AND MISSION. THE DELIBERATIONS WERE DONE TOWARDS POSITIONING KUTKM TO BE ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES. OF COURSE THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST MEETING AND THE BEGINNING OF MORE EXCITING CHALLENGE TO COME IN THE FUTURE.

YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK ON OUR INDUSTRIAL PLAN OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS, IDEAS RELATED TO ADVANCE TECHNOLOGIES THAT YOU PROPOSE WILL BE LOOKED INTO DEEPLY AND INCORPORATED IN

KUTKM PROGRAMMES' CURRICULUM SO THAT KUTKM GRADUATES WILL BENEFIT. THESE GRADUATES WILL THEN BE ABLE TO APPLY THE KNOWLEDGE OF LATEST TECHNOLOGIES WHEN THEY ARE EMPLOYED AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE EMBRACED BY THE MALAYSIAN INDUSTRY.

IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, A VERY DIVERSE ECONOMY HAS BEEN CREATED AND JOBS NOW HAVE TO BE TAILOR MADE FOR DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES. THUS THIS NEW DIVERSE ECONOMY WITH AN ARRAY OF SPECIFIC NEEDS INDICATE THAT OUR MAIN RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR GRADUATES SHOULD BE CLOSELY MATCHED TO THE JOB MARKET. YOUR ADVICE ON THE REQUIREMENT AND THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY, GOVERNMENT SECTORS AND ENGINEERING PROFESSION CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE OUR CURRICULUM SO THAT KUTKM

GRADUATES WILL BE WELL-ACCEPTED, PREFERRED AND RECOGNIZED BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

ON THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT ASPECT, OUR ACADEMICIANS NEED TO BE EXPOSED TO THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY, FACILITY AND PROCESSES IN INDUSTRY SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING MATERIALS, IDENTIFY STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT NEEDED AND UP-TO-DATE LEARNING APPROACH IN ORDER TO GENERATE BETTER QUALITY GRADUATES. IAP MEMBERS CAN ASSIST THE UNIVERSITY TO FORGE NECESSARY LINKAGES WITH RELEVANT INDUSTRIES TO REALIZE THIS OBJECTIVE. WHEREVER POSSIBLE IAP MEMBERS CAN ALSO PAVE THE WAY SUCH THAT STAFF INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT PROGRAMS AND SOME INSERTION OF LATEST TECHNOLOGY BE SPONSORED BY THE INDUSTRY.

HAVING YOU AS LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRY AND AS KUTKM IAP MEMBERS REPRESENTING KUTKM AREAS OF FOCUS, IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WOULD LEAD US IN DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH ACTIVE OPEN FORUMS, SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES.

IT IS ALSO MY SINCERE HOPE THAT THROUGH YOUR NETWORKING YOU WILL ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO FORGE LINKAGES AND COLLABORATE WITH KUTKM IN TERMS OF JOINT PROJECTS, INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT FOR BOTH KUTKM'S STAFF AND STUDENTS, SPONSORSHIP OF TRAINING AND FACILITIES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

WITH THE RECENT APPROVAL OF OUR COMMERCIAL ARM KUTKM HOLDINGS SDN BHD, IAP MEMBERS CAN ADVISE US TO IDENTIFY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND SEEK MARKET POTENTIAL FOR THE ACTIVATION OF OUR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTRE (AMC) AND THE INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION AND ROBOTIC CENTRE (IARC) THROUGH CONTRACT MANUFACTURING AND CONTRACT RESEARCH AVAILABLE LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE DEAN OF UNIC AND HIS TEAM FOR SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISING THE MEETING, THE VISIT AND HOPEFULLY THE FORUM TOMORROW.

TO ALL INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU
A PLEASANT STAY IN MALACCA THE HISTORICAL
CITY.

THANK YOU, GOOD NITE AND ASSALAMUALAIKUM.