

SOLIDWORKS DESIGN NETWORK MELAKA

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KUTKM

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DHIF-DHIF KEHORMAT;

TUAN-TUAN DAN PUAN-PUAN SEKALIAN.

TERLEBIH DAHULU MARILAH KITA
MEMANJATKAN SETINGGI-TINGGI
KESYUKURAN TERHADAP ALLAH SWT. YANG
TELAH MELIMPAHKAN RAHMAT DAN
BERKATNYA UNTUK MEMBOLEHKAN KITA
SEMUA BERADA DI SEMINAR SOLIDWORKS
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INI.

ON BEHALF OF KUTKM AS ONE OF THE
SEMINAR ORGANIZERS, I WISH TO WARMLY
AND CORDIALLY WELCOME EVERYONE
PRESENT THIS MORNING, IN PARTICULAR

OUR BELOVED CHIEF MINISTER OF MALACCA,
YAB DATUK SERI HJ. MOHD ALI RUSTAM, WHO
IS KIND ENOUGH TO OFFICIATE THE OPENING
CEREMONY AS WELL AS TO WITNESS THE
SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SOLIDWORKS
CORPORATION AND KUTKM.

MAY I CONGRATULATE ALL PARTIES
CONCERNED NAMELY: THE K-ECONOMY
DIVISION OF THE CHIEF MINISTER'S DEPT.,
SOLIDWORKS CORPORATION, AND KUTKM
FOR HAVING TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO

ORGANIZE THIS SEMINAR AS AN IMPORTANT INITIAL STEP TO SPUR THE “DEVELOPMENT OF MALACCA K-ECONOMY THROUGH RURAL CREATIVITY RESOURCES”. THE SMART PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES INVOLVING THE THREE PARTIES SHOULD AUGUR WELL FOR THE STATE’S PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING A DEVELOPED STATUS BY THE YEAR 2010. KUTKM IS PROUD TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS A PARTNER AND WE HOPE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AS THE NUCLEUS FOR THE PROGRAMMES TARGETED UNDER THE MOU NAMELY THE *GOLD PARTNERSHIP*

PROGRAMME, SOLUTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME, AND RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME . THESE PROGRAMMES ARE SPECIALLY PLANNED TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF *DESIGN SERVICES BUSINESS* FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

UNDER THE MOU, SOLIDWORKS CORPORATION HAS AGREED TO AUTHORIZE FOURTY (40) LICENSES TO KUTKM TO FACILITATE THE UNIVERSITY IN CONDUCTING TRAINING COURSES TO THE

MANUFACTURING SECTOR, IN PARTICULAR SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE INDUSTRIES, IN THE UTILIZATION OF SOLIDWORKS DESIGN SOFTWARE. THIS WILL MAKE KUTKM AN AUTHORIZED TRAINING CENTER SOUGHT BY EVERYONE WITH INTEREST IN THE USE OF SOLIDWORKS PRODUCTS IN THE DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURING BUSINESS. THE ARRANGEMENT WILL DEFINITELY STRENGTHEN KUTKM'S POSITION AS A TRAINING SERVICE PROVIDER SINCE WE OURSELVES HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED 70 SIMILAR LICENSES FOR OUR OWN STUDENTS'

USE. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THE TRAINING FACILITIES WILL BE A BOON TO BUDDING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS WHO WOULD PLAY CRUCIAL ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF K-ECONOMY MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

KUTKM IS THE FIRST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY IN MALAYSIA TO EMPHASIZE THE 'HANDS-ON' APPROACH IN ITS ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES. THE UNIVERSITY AIMS AND STRIVES TO

PRODUCE COMPETENT GRADUATES WITH HIGH TECHNICAL SKILL AND EQUALLY SOLID THEORETICAL FOUNDATION. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT KUTKM GRADUATES WOULD BE WELL-EQUIPPED AND QUALIFIED TO FACE THE VARIOUS CHALLENGES IN THE TECHNICAL PROFESSION AS ANTICIPATED UNDER THE NEW ERA OF GLOBALIZATION.

PRESENTLY, KUTKM IS LOCATED IN A TEMPORARY CAMPUS AT TAMAN TASIK UTAMA, AYER KEROH, WITH A STUDENT POPULATION OF 520 STUDENTS UNDERGOING

FIVE DIFFERENT DEGREE PROGRAMS. WITH THE NEXT INTAKE IN MAY THIS YEAR OUR STUDENT ENROLMENT WILL INCREASE TO 1400 UNDERGOING 14 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT DEGREE AND DIPLOMA LEVELS.

WORK HAS ALREADY COMMENCE TO BUILD KUTKM'S PERMANENT CAMPUS IN DURIAN TUNGGAL WITH ITS COMPLETION TARGETED TO BE IN THE YEAR 2004. THE CAMPUS IS PLANNED AND DESIGNED TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 15,000 STUDENTS BY

THE YEAR 2010 FOLLOWING COURSES OFFERED BY 10 DIFFERENT FACULTIES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

UNDER THE MOU, KUTKM IS NOT RESTRICTED TO MERELY PROVIDING AUTHORIZED TRAINING, BUT IN ADDITION WILL ALSO BE ENGAGED IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE APPLICATION OF SOLIDWORKS DESIGN SOFTWARE. KUTKM WILL EXPLORE THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES THAT CAN

BE OFFERED BY SOLIDWORKS AND IDENTIFY THOSE THAT CAN MATCH THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS. IT IS HOPED THAT THE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THESE ACTIVITIES WILL FILTER DOWN INTO KUTKM'S OWN ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES TO GIVE IMMENSE BENEFITS TO ITS STUDENTS WHO UPON GRADUATION WILL BE WELL-POSITIONED TO ENGAGE IN ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES.

THIS MOU IS THE FIRST TO BE SIGNED BY KUTKM AND IS COMMENDABLE CONSIDERING THAT IT IS STILL IN THE INFANCY STAGE. IT IS ALSO IN LINE WITH ITS MISSION TO FORGE SMART PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INDUSTRY IN THE STRIFE TO BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES. THE SUCCESS OF KUTKM'S ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES DEPENDS A GREAT DEAL ON THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY INDUSTRIES WHO IN TURN WILL ALSO BENEFIT IN TERMS OF SUITABLY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL WORK

FORCE. HOWEVER, THE SCOPE OF SMART UNIVERSITY-INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP SHOULD EXTEND BEYOND MERE MANPOWER TRAINING AND EDUCATION TO ALSO COVER THE SHARING OF MUTUAL EXPERTISE IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK.

ON THIS NOTE, TO END MY SPEECH, I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE TO WISH ALL PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR AND THANK ALL PARTIES FROM THE K-ECONOMY DIVISION OF THE CHIEF

MINISTER'S DEPT., SOLIDWORKS
CORPORATION, AS WELL AS KUTKM FOR
THEIR HARD WORK TO MAKE THIS SEMINAR A
SUCCESS.

THANK YOU.