CLOSING SPEECH

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CompTIA CSA+ Certification Launching

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Thank you to the Emcee,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh

Salam Melaka Maju Negeriku Sayang, Negeri Bandar Teknologi Hijau, Melaka 755 tahun, Melaka Maju Fasa 2, Berkat,Tepat, Cepat.

DCP DCP Dato' Abd. Jalil bin Hassan

Melaka Chief of Police

Mr Dennis Kwok

Vice President of CompTIA Asia Pacific

Mr CM Lee

Consultant, CompTIA

Ms Jean Tang

Country Manager for CompTIA

Representative from Skaievent Technovation Sdn Bhd

Distinguished guests, organizing committee

FTMK's Lecturers and alumni, students, ladies and gentlemen

1. I am delighted to join you this afternoon to witness this momentous occasion of the CompTIA CSA+ Certification Launching' here at FTMK, UTeM. I wish to take the earliest opportunity to congratulate

the faculty and our strategic partner for taking this wise step to start offering one more notable certification program at the faculty.

2. This launch marks another key milestone in our journey towards technical education excellence, a process that we have been putting all our effort and attention in since the establishment of this institution. This initiative will not only endear FTMK to its stakeholders through professional certification program, but also enable UTeM as a whole to seize new opportunities and enhance its growth trajectory in quality technical education.

3. Professional certification is one of the best ways to add value to our academicians and students to demonstrate their strengths and commitment in a specific field. Earning a professional certification provides numerous benefits, including improved career prospects and of course enhance earning power. As the business world becomes more complex and specialized, the demand for individuals with industry-recognized credentials will intensify. It can be particularly highly valued in an emerging field such as Cybersecurity, where knowledge and expertise are often claimed by those with varying backgrounds and skill levels.

4. Hence, the management of UTeM is always supportive and encourage this effort since our establishment back in the year of 2000. We are continuously bridging our academic programmes with well-known certification providers, such as CompTIA Academy, CISCO Academy, Oracle Academy, Microsoft Academy, to name a few. Furthermore, we are proud to announce that FTMK has been selected as the **ONE and only Pearson VUE examination center in Melaka**. This gives you the convenience to get your professional certification training and the examination at the same place and of course, our academic staff are also certified with specialized professional certification based on their expertise. At FTMK, 70% of our staff are certified experts. On top of that, 34 of them are certified

trainers. We continuously strive to increase the percentage of our professional certified trainers besides moving towards the **perfect goal of "1 staff 1 certification, 1 student 1 certification"** goal.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. I believe you have gained much new knowledge and useful information from the sharing sessions conducted this morning. DCP Dato' Abd. Jalil has shared with us the cybercrime problems plaguing Malaysia. Mr. Dennis gave a good overview on current global Cybersecurity issues. In addition, we were priviledge by the valuable and exciting demos from Mr. CM Lee. I hope you have now grasped a well-founded awareness on Cybersecurity needs both globally and locally.

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

6. In today's highly advanced technological era, Cybersecurity is not a new field anymore. However, it gets increasingly critical as the nation gradually moves towards the digital economy. An interesting cybersecurity research article released by Forbes in January 2017 forecasted that: By 2020 there will be **20 billion interconnected things.** Certainly, the era of Internet of Things (IoT) is well upon us. Cars, planes, homes, cities, and even animals are being connected. Software is everywhere. As technology becomes more and more deeply integrated in our lives, we become more and more dependent on it. But this dependence makes us vulnerable if technology fails. Here is where the cybersecurity problems emerge and affect the

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technology that we rely on daily. Therefore, we need more and more cybersecurity practitioners and experts to play their role in safeguarding these cybernetics systems.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

7. Cyber security certifications come in all forms and subjects – from forensics to intrusion to ethical hacking. They are typically administered by independent accrediting organizations with CompTIA being in the forefront. Regardless of the topic or level, IT security certifications can be used across jobs and organizations. The credentialing process usually consists of training and a final exam. CompTIA Security+ professional certification is globally trusted to validate foundational, vendor-neutral IT security knowledge and skills. As a benchmark for best practices in IT security, it covers

the essential principles for network security and risk management – making it an important stepping stone of an IT security career. CSA+ is the natural progression through this security track. Hence, we plan to offer it through FTMK!

8. We are very proud to have CompTIA Malaysia as one of our industry partners. Many thanks to Ms. Jean Tang, CompTIA Country Manager, for giving us all the support in setting and speeding up the setup for our CompTIA Academy in UTeM. Many activities have been carried out, especially on building our human resource talents through many professional certification courses offered by CompTIA. We certainly plan to offer the CSA+ certification soon. We already have one of our FTMK staff, Dr. Mohd Fairuz Iskandar Bin Othman

as a certified with CompTIA Security+ analyst. In mid-March 2017, we had the honor of inviting CompTIA as our industry evaluators for our new Master of Data Science and Analytics program. We also plan to conduct the CompTIA Certified Technical Trainer course for our lecturers sometime in August this year. Certainly, it will be a fun venture for both of us, FTMK and CompTIA.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

9. The launching today our marks another milestone for UTeM. In this regard, individual units, especially staff and students from FTMK, shall take responsibility of ensuring that the best ecosystem exists for cybersecurity teaching and learning, hands-on practices, and productive communities. Together we shall create the most pleasant environment in the acquisition of prime knowledge in cybersecurity,

and building the best experts in this field in safeguarding Malaysian cyberspace.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

10. On that note, it gives me great pleasure to officially close the **CompTIA CSA+ Certification   Launching Ceremony**.

Thank you and wassalamualaikum w.b.t.

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