

UCAPAN ALUAN

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SME ROUNDTABLE 2017

13 December 2017 (Wednesday), 9.00 am
Main Meeting Room Chancellery

Bismillahirrahmanirahim.

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh
Salam Sejahtera, Salam Satu Malaysia

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

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Senior Officers of UTeM, SME Representatives,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentleman.

Introduction

1. Alhamdulillah, first and foremost, I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to Allah SWT for His Blessings and Compassion has enabled us to gather here this morning for UTeM – SME Roundtable 2017.
2. On behalf of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to all SME Representatives from **Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Kuala Lumpur, Selangor and Penang**. We are indeed honored and delighted to receive the presence of our eminent guests today for this meaningful event.

Kapal Dagang Dari Seberang
Sarat Muatan Kayu Meranti
Dari Jauh Tuan Puan Datang
Kami di UTeM Sedia Menanti

Objective of Program

3. To create closer ties between university and small medium enterprises around Melaka and surroundings.
4. To get feedback from industries on the quality of UTeM students based on the internship/ industrial training or recruitment.
5. To get valuable feedback and share experiences from the industry on how to improve the quality of UTeM graduates that meets industry needs.

6. To promote UTeM as a strategic partner and to explore potential collaborations with industries in Melaka.

Opening Messages

7. UTeM-SME Roundtable Discussion 2017 is a maiden program with SME's after 17 years of establishment UTeM
8. Prior to this, UTeM has successfully organized equally productive discussions with strategic industry alliances such as the:
 - a. CEO Roundtable which was held on 9 June 2014 – participated by 16 CEOs
 - b. NGO Roundtable on 19 Nov 2015, participated by 25 NGOs

- c. HRM Roundtable on 8 November 2016 with 22 HR Managers from various company.
9. Today, UTeM marks yet another milestone - gathering close to 50 representatives from 22 SMEs in a dynamic discussion to gain valuable inputs, with the objectives among others, to enhance:
- a. UTeM academic programs especially those areas related to industrial training
 - b. Increase graduate employability by improving the quality of UTeM graduates that meets industry needs
 - c. Research potential activities and to promote research products
 - d. And to establish synergistic partnerships with industries that benefit all parties.

10. Today's program is further fortified by the signing of a number of MOU, MOA and LOI between UTeM and 6 companies, namely:
 - a. Impressive Edge Sdn. Bhd.
 - b. MFS Technology (M) Sdn. Bhd.
 - c. ICONIX Consulting Sdn. Bhd.
 - d. Saiko Rubber Sdn. Bhd.
 - e. SME Corp, and
 - f. Master Tec Wire & Cable Sdn. Bhd.

11. **Future plans** – The SME Roundtable will be a regular event for UTeM and will involve more industries regionally and globally.

HOPES

12. The relationship between UTeM with the industries & organizations will be further strengthened (Academia-Industry Partnership) through various structured programmes.
13. The faculties at UTeM will use this opportunity to collaborate with more industries and organizations e.g. through appointment as advisory panel, staff attachment and technical talks (Academic)

14. Encourage more industries to participate in research and postgraduate programmes especially in Engineering Doctorate program (Research)
15. Knowledge Transfer Programmes with Industry & Community
16. Exposure to students to improve their marketability (Graduate Employability) e.g Internship, final Year Projects, Industrial exposure programmes

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17. Special thanks to SMEs' representatives for your support towards UTeM-SME Roundtable Discussion 2017.

18. I wish all representatives a successful deliberation, discussion and a pleasant meeting of minds among us

Thank you.