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CLOSING AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF
FYP POSTER & PROTOTYPE COMPETITION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH INFINEON WEEK@UTeM 2019

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera.

Bismillahir rahmanir rahim.

Assalamualaikum warahmatullah and good afternoon

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Senior Management of UTeM, Management & Guests from Infineon,

Members of the organizing committee, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Alhamdulillah, first and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to Allah SWT for His Blessings and Mercy that has enabled us to gather here today for this auspicious event, **CLOSING AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY OF FINAL YEAR PROJECT (FYP) POSTER & PROTOTYPE COMPETITION IN CONJUCTION WITH INFINEON WEEK@UTeM 2019.**

2. I would like to extend my gratitude to Infineon Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (Melaka) for their continuous and steadfast support to UTeM, thus further strengthening the strategic partnership and collaboration between UTeM and Infineon.

Ladies and gentlemen,

3. Infineon Week@UTeM 2019 has been co-organized by UTeM and Infineon since 2013. It marks the continuous collaboration between the university and private sector in reinforcing the existing academia-industry partnership.

4. Collaboration between universities and industries is critical for skills development, knowledge acquisition, adoption through innovation and technology transfer. Entrepreneurship skills are also promoted through start-ups and spin-offs. The benefits of university-industry linkages are wide-reaching: they can help coordinate R&D agendas and avoid duplications, stimulate additional private R&D investment, and exploit synergies and complementarities of scientific and technological capabilities.

5. University-industry collaboration can also expand the relevance of research carried out in public institutions, foster the commercialization of public R&D outcomes, and increase the mobility of staff and students between public and private sectors.

6. For example, one of our research projects which involved Infineon's staff, registered as our Master by research student and working together with UTeM's professor has been filing a patent in the US by Infineon. We are very proud of this fruitful collaboration between Infineon and UTeM.
7. We are also thankful to Infineon to award RM30,000 in cash to UTeM for the outstanding results. Understanding and trust between UTeM and Infineon is the key for this successful collaboration.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. Today, it is increasingly important to have a university-industry collaboration which brings mutual benefits to both parties. The

Infineon Week@UTeM is a good testimony of the strategic University-Industry initiative in line with the aspiration of Malaysia Higher Education Blueprint 2015-2025 through its 10 shifts.

9. Throughout the years, UTeM is working hand-in-hand with Infineon in grooming a talent pool of young people for the development of our beloved nation. This can be seen where Infineon has a large number of engineers and technologists graduated from UTeM, who has contributing their knowledge and skills in growing together with Infineon. From our records, since 2012 until 2017, Infineon has taken more than 150 UTeM fresh graduates, and more than 170 students had done their industry internship in Infineon. I would like to thank Infineon in giving these great opportunities to our students and supporting our Graduates Employability program.

Ladies and gentlemen,

10. As we already know, Infineon Week@UTeM is an annual event initiated by Infineon Technologies (M) Sdn Bhd (Melaka) with the aim of selecting the best apprentice engineers & technologies among UTeM final year students. This event benefited students through their participations in various activities such as final year project competition, factory visit to the Infineon Plant at Batu Berendam, Career and Alumni Talk, CV & Interview Clinic as well as job interview.

11. I also have been informed that the UTeM-Infineon Technical Poster Competition received an encouraging response from our students in which 40 participants exhibited and presented their work based on their final year project in accordance to the theme of the competition: **‘Safer, Greener and Easier’**.

12. This competition has provided an excellent platform for UTeM students to showcase their innovative solutions to address the main challenges facing the society today – the need for greater energy efficiency, mobility and security just as what Infineon has emphasized. For this year, a total of 16 prizes will be given away in two (2) categories. There are: Prototype Category and Poster Category, and the results of the winner will be announced after this

Ladies and gentlemen,

13. Last but not least, I would like to thank the committee especially the Office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor (Industry and Community Network) of whom has rendered much assistance in ensuring the smooth preparation and success of the Infineon Week. My compliment also goes to **Infineon and to all committee of Infineon Week@UTeM 2019** for their commitment and support throughout the program. I sincerely hope that this impactful and strategic collaboration continues and eventually grows into more mutually beneficial initiatives in the future, Insya Allah.

14. On that note, it gives me great pleasure to officially close the Infineon Week@UTeM 2019.

Thank You.