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Good Morning, Ohayou Gozaimasu.

Professor Sumihare Noji

The President of University of Tokushima, Japan

The Management of University of Tokushima, Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

1. First and foremost, I am truly honored to be the recipient of the Honorary Doctorate from Tokushima University at The 2019 Graduation and Completion Ceremony.

2. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Professor Sumihare Noji and the management of Tokushima University for your unstinting support towards the tenacious collaboration between Tokushima University and University Teknikal Malaysia Melaka.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. As the first public technical university in Malaysia, UTeM pioneers in the practice and application oriented teaching and learning methodology for higher technical education in Malaysia. With eight distinct faculties, UTeM provides in-depth specialization in engineering, engineering technology, ICT and technology management disciplines.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. In enhancing our unique international learning experience, UTeM aspires to intensify strategic relations with our international counterparts, with the noble hope of exploring collaborative pursuits in research, academia and cultural exchange.

5. In its 19th year of establishment, UTeM has effectuated numerous substantial ties with international corporations and renowned universities in the world including the prominent Tokushima University, in which a Memorandum of Understanding has been duly signed on 22nd September 2014.

6. This MoU has opened up avenues of expertise, knowledge and information sharing between the two universities in many areas, among others:
- i. Establishment of Tokushima U-UTeM Academic Centre (TMAC) to promote educational and research collaboration including TMAC Design Workshop and TMAC Symposium;
 - ii. The Double Degree program which still operates involves 10 PhD level students registered with TU and UTeM;
 - iii. Student exchange program through credit and non- credit mobility programs. To date, a total of 20 students from UTeM have gone to TU and 50 students from TU have undergone exchange programs at UTeM; and

- iv. Staff exchange programs between the two universities and many more are still ongoing.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. On a final note, once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to Tokushima University for your continuous and steadfast support to UTeM.
8. I hope this strategic and impactful collaboration between Tokushima University and UTeM continues for many more years and eventually grows into favourable benefits in the future, for Japan and Malaysia.
9. With that, I thank you. Dōmo arigatōgozaimashita.

