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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh and Good Morning

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Senior Officers of UTeM, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen.

- i. First and foremost, let me extend my warmest welcome to the delegates from Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom to Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Malaysia.
- ii. As the first public technical university in Malaysia, UTeM pioneers the practice and application oriented teaching and learning methodology for higher technical education in Malaysia.
- iii. UTeM has eight distinct faculties which provide in-depth specialization in engineering, engineering technology, ICT and technology management disciplines at the Diploma, Bachelor and Post Grad levels.
- iv. In enhancing our unique international learning experience, UTeM aspires to enhance and intensify strategic relations

with our international counterparts, with the noble hope of exploring collaborative pursuits in research, academia and cultural exchange.

- v. In its 19th year of establishment, UTeM has built numerous formidable ties with international corporations and renowned universities across the globe from Asia, Middle East, Europe, United States, many more.
- vi. Prior to this, UTeM had established strategic networking with Lancaster University and Coventry University, UK.
- vii. This MoU with Liverpool John Moores University has opened up avenues of expertise, knowledge and information sharing between the two universities in many areas, among others:

- a. Sharing of experiences in innovative teaching methods and course design,
 - b. Organizing of joint symposiums, workshops and conferences,
 - c. Opportunities for student's academic, cultural and language exchanges,
 - d. Joint research projects in the fields of mutual interests,
 - e. And any other areas of cooperation to be mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- viii. UTeM is indeed greatly honored to have LJMU as a strategic university partner.
- ix. This strategic collaboration has marked yet another milestone for the university's resolution to strengthen our

linkages with renowned international universities and may this highly impactful initiative set an impetus for many more similar successes in the future.

- x. On behalf of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your unstinting and steadfast support to UTeM.

- xi. I do hope, through this MoU, the strategic ties between Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom and UTeM will continue to proliferate into many more mutually beneficial ventures for both institutions especially in the

areas of academic, staff and student exchange, research and development of the two universities.

xii. With that, I thank you.