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## **Senior Officers of UTeM, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Good Morning and Ohayou Gozaimasu.

- i. First and foremost, let me extend my warmest welcome to Professor Dr. Sumihare NOJI, President of Tokushima University together with the delegates from University of Tokushima, to Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM).
- ii. We are deeply honoured and delighted to receive the presence of our eminent guests from the 'Land of the Rising Sun' to our Main Campus for today's auspicious ceremony.

- iii. On behalf of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your unstinting support to UTeM through various strategic initiatives ever since year 2014 till present.
- iv. UTeM and Tokushima University have successfully organized various high impact projects and collaborative activities such as:
  - a. The establishment of the Tokushima U - UTeM Academic Center (TMAC) in September 2014 which serves as a center for the development of knowledge,

exchange of expertise and information in the fields of engineering and information technology;

- b. Alternately organizing The International Conference on Design & Concurrent Engineering (iDECON);
- c. The execution of the Double Degree program;
- d. The student mobility and exchange programs and
- e. The staff exchange program between the two universities and more.

I do hope, through the extension of this MoU, the strategic ties between Tokushima University and UTeM will continue to proliferate into many more mutually beneficial ventures for both institutions especially in the areas of research and development of the university.

With that, I thank you. Dōmo arigatōgozaimashita.