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**Meeting of IIA Award 2020  
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- i. Assalamualaikum and a very good morning to all participants of MTE 2020, Invention & Innovation Awards, and distinguished guests.
- ii. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 19<sup>th</sup> Invention and Innovation Awards briefing. This is the first time that the Invention and Innovation Awards – IIA is being organized under an independent award committee.
- iii. UTeM is glad to be heading this committee, and I am honored to be the Chair of this committee. Thus, I look forward to meeting each and every one of you later.

- iv. It is heartening to see so many enthusiastic innovators and inventors participating this year. Before we proceed further, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to SIRIM Berhad for hosting this event today. Thank you for your warm hospitality and for allowing us the use of your premise.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- v. Innovation is not just about making new and better products. It encompasses all aspects of ideas. Besides products, innovation can be clearly manifested in processes, systems, services, methods, and models. MTE has encapsulated this concept by successfully championing innovative and scientific progression for the past 18 years with the aim of contributing to the betterment of the society.

- vi. The Forth Industrial Revolution, Artificial Intelligence, innovation, automation, Internet of Things and other technological advancement will change the type of jobs needed across the market. In advocating creativity and development of innovations we aspire to nurture the develop skilled, knowledgeable and innovative human capital to meet the needs of industry.
- vii. Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka partners with MTE 2020 as the Invention and Innovation Awards Chair this year. A distinguished panel of judges are drawn from state, academic and industry specialists; to be exact, 50% is from the industry and another 50% from the academic experts, to conduct the judging of entries.

- viii. To identify the best rated in a multitude of product and service categories within IIA, a comprehensive judging process will be put together to ensure greater transparency and reliability.
- ix. Today, we will cover the details on the Awards requirements. Participants should pay special attention to information in the awards judging process from presentation to scoring the judging criteria and we will finish after the Q&A.
- x. We will also do our best to provide you tips on what judges are looking for, what you should and should not do during judging, and how to win judges approval. We hope that you will find these useful, and secure more gold medals this year of MTE.

- xi. Other than that, MTE 2020's recognition is further amplified with the confirmation of the Ambassador of the Republic Croatia in Malaysia to present certificate of participation to all participants.
- xii. Thank you to each and every one of you for being here with us today. We look forward to explore and understand your inventions and innovations at MTE 2020 on 20<sup>th</sup> until 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020, and hope that together, we can challenge the status quo for the current scientific and technological landscape.
- xiii. Thank you.