

## **OPENING REMARK**

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**MTE 2020**

**21 FEBRUARY 2020 (FRIDAY), 10.00 AM**

**MAIN STAGE TUN RAZAK HALL 3**

Bismillah Hirrahman Nirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh and  
Salam Sejahtera,

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to the Almighty for giving us this opportunity to be here at the the opening ceremony of the **Malaysia Technology Expo- MTE 2020.**

2. On behalf of Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, I would like to extend my warmest welcome and thanks to **Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Redzuan bin Yusof, Minister of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Malaysia** for earmarking this event amidst your busy schedule. Your presence to this auspicious ceremony is greatly honoured and appreciated.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

3. First and foremost, on behalf of UTeM, and the organizing committee, I would like to thank all the participants for your fervent support to the MTE 2020. I hope that this three days' event will provide substantial opportunities for participants from multifarious backgrounds, to not only display their innovations and inventions, but also to seize the opportunity to interact, discuss, and exchange ideas on the latest techniques and technology that will eventually benefit all.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,**

4. I am indeed glad when informed that this annual event has succeeded, in attracting 305 participations from numerous local and international education institutions, agencies as well as industrial participants. My sincere thanks to all participants for your unstinting trust, and support towards this year's event.

5. Alhamdulillah, on the first day of the MTE, we have received nearly 3,500 visitors. Although the number of visitors to this year's MTE may dwindle slightly due to the unprecedented outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus or NCoV 2019, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that this event will achieve its objectives of elevating the quality of research and innovation within the targeted stakeholders.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

6. The Fourth Industrial Revolution, Artificial Intelligence, innovation, automation, Internet of Things and other technological advancement will change the type of jobs needed across the globe. In advocating creativity and development of innovations, we aspire to nurture and develop skilled, knowledgeable and innovative human capital that meets the needs of industries.

7. For this year's MTE, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka has been given the honour to lead the Invention and Innovation Awards. A distinguished panel of judges are selected from among 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.



8. In addition, MTE 2020's recognition is further amplified with the confirmation of the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia in Malaysia who will be presenting certificates of participation to all participants. Our sincere thanks to His Excellency Ambassador of Croatia for this opportune acknowledgement.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

9. It is my believe, that MTE 2020 will provide a substantial platform in encouraging innovators and inventors to share and inculcate innovativeness and sustainability in their research. Through this platform, I hope new ideas and innovations within the realm of sustainable development will emerge.
  
10. 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 2020 has encapsulated this concept by successfully championing innovative and scientific progression for the past 19 years with the aim of contributing to the betterment of the society.

11. I also encourage all participants to have an open and constructive dialogue and would like to reiterate that we need to act pronto, we need to act strong and we need to act together!

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

12. At this juncture, I also would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all the relevant parties who have worked hard in preparing and executing the plans in ensuring the smooth running of this event especially to the panel of judges, SIRIM Berhad and PROTEMP, for the relentless commitment.
  
13. With the enthusiasm and support from all, I am fully confident that MTE 2020 will culminate into yet another fruitful year. I

take this opportunity to wish you all the best of luck. May this be an insightful and highly immersive experience for all.

Thank you.