

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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**MTE IIA AWARD 2020**

**22 FEBRUARY 2020 (SATURDAY), 2.15 PM**

**MAWAR ROOM LEVEL 2**

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh, Salam Sejahtera and a very good afternoon.

1. Alhamdulillah, first and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to Allah SWT for His Blessings and Compassion has enabled us to gather here this afternoon for the closing ceremony of The 19<sup>th</sup> International Expo on Inventions and Innovations Awards 2020, Malaysia Technology Expo.

2. It is indeed a privilege that I am given the opportunity to deliver the closing remark at the culmination of this efficacious MTE IIA Award 2020. And, I would like to extend a warm welcome especially to YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Muhammad Fauzi Mohd Zain for your gracious presence amidst your tight schedule today.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

3. MTE 2020 witnessed the participation of educators, researchers, engineers, technologists and students from the multifarious fields, among others, from the higher education institutions, training institutions, research institutions, distinctive agencies and industries of whom had committedly showcased their creative and innovative ideas and solutions of which are aimed at addressing the main challenges facing our robust society today.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

4. In our bid to accelerate and elevate our R&D activities, the MTE IIA 2020 has definitely rendered substantial platform and support. Throughout the past two days, numerous prolific products were exhibited and manifold ideas were exchanged. Favourable initiatives and deliverables from this MTE 2020 not only suit but also fulfil the aspirations of Malaysia towards a highly developed nation by year 2030.
5. To encourage international participations, this year's MTE IIA Awards also places special emphasis on the international submission category. With the involvement of

six countries specifically from Iran, Thailand, Poland, Taiwan, Indonesia and Croatia, we are truly hopeful that this networking continues further into many more mutual endeavors.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

6. MTE IIA Award 2020 exhibited and evaluated a total of 295 innovative products through a dedicated judging process led by academic and industry specialists. In our effort to ensure high reliability and quality of this year's judging

process, stringent standard operating procedures were observed.

7. To start off, judges were primarily selected by substantial experienced committee based on their expertise in the respective categories. The judging criteria were designed and enhanced collaboratively with SIRIM, hence reflected in the rubrics for assessment being more precise through more comprehensive descriptors. The components of assessment placed great emphasis on originality, novelty and potentiality for commercialization.

8. In addition, the Judging Committee who consisted of experts from diverse fields of expertise namely, engineering and social sciences were required to sign the Non-disclosure Agreement or NDA prior to the judging process. And final marks for each entry underwent multiple verification process before the ultimate endorsement by the Chair of IIA.



## **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

9. Alhamdulillah, based on the assessment, most of the displayed products are highly innovative and greatly capable of commercialization. These products hold extreme potentials as feasible solutions for the betterment of the industries and societies.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

10. The MTE IIA Award 2020 has been made possible by the concerted effort and collaboration from various parties especially from the support of strategic partners, specifically SIRIM Berhad and PROTEMP of whom have rendered considerable assistance in ensuring the smooth execution of this impactful event.

11. My appreciation also goes to **all participants of MTE 2020** for your commitment and dedication throughout the event.
12. Congratulations to all winners – the final results will be announced shortly – pray for the best! Till we meet again,  
Thank you.