

**WELCOME SPEECH**  
**UTeM's Japan Day 2020**

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## **Mr. Mitsuhiro Sugita**

Director of Japan Information Service, Embassy of Japan

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Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation)

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Dean, Faculty of Manufacturing Engineering

Senior Officers, Distinguished Guests, Staff, Students, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh, Good Morning and **Kon'nichiwa**. Welcome to UTeM and Selamat datang.

1. Alhamdulillah, praise be to Allah S.W.T the Almighty for his grace and compassion, has enabled all of us to be gathered here at the UNESCO World Heritage City of Melaka. First and foremost, let me extend my warmest welcome to **Mr. Mitsuhiro Sugita** together with the Japanese delegates to our campus specifically to UTeM's Japan Day 2020 Opening Ceremony.

2. We are deeply honoured and delighted to receive the presence of our eminent guests and exhibitors from reputable Japanese companies who among others have been industry partners of UTeM for many years now.

**“Minasama’, UTeM e Youkoso!”**

### **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

3. As the first technical public university in Malaysia, UTeM is always enthusiastic in the latest development of science and technology. We are committed to exploring and implementing new advanced technologies in the teaching and learning process. With the robust advent of technology today, we aspire to remain unique by adopting

the application oriented teaching and learning approach through smart university-industry partnerships.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,**

4. Ever since its inception, UTeM has placed a dedicated emphasis on establishing favorable links and strategic ties with companies and universities all over the world. Japan's meritorious achievement in science and technology has been long admired, and it is indeed a privileged for UTeM to be hosting the Japan Day 2020 for the second time around. It has always been our hope that impactful and beneficial programs such as this serve as a catalyst in our strife towards a highly developed and progressive nation.

## **Ladies & Gentlemen,**

5. The first Japan Day was held in 2018 in which various engaging and interactive activities were held – giving opportunities for new exposure and experience to all participants.
6. For this year's Japan Day, we hoped to further amalgamate and intensify strategic cooperation between Japanese companies in Malaysia, the Japan Embassy and the University, particularly in the fields of business, education, and research. Subsequently, we believe that several new collaborations with Japanese companies will soon be endorsed.

7. Correspondingly, as a robust technical university, industrial input is mandatory and highly sought after in our curriculum development and enhancement. Our mission of producing highly-skilled and competent industry-ready graduates, entails an industry-fit curriculum. With an industry strong-arm close support, we reckon on fortifying our employability rate and emerge as one of the best among equals in the engineering and technology fields.

**Ladies & Gentlemen,**

8. At this juncture, on behalf of University Teknikal Malaysia Melaka, I would like to express my gratitude to the Ambassador of Japan together with the delegates from Japan, participants from Japanese companies, faculty members, and students for your commitment and valuable contribution towards this program. I surmise that all of you will benefit immensely from this one-day event.
  
9. Last but not least, I would like to congratulate the committee for successfully organizing the Japan Day 2020 and I wish everyone a rewarding experience in Melaka and UTeM. With that, I thank you.



**Dōmo arigatōgozaimashita. Jikai mo kite kudasai!**