

WELCOME REMARKS

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CLOSING MTE 2021 VIRTUAL EDITION - IIA AWARD

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Bismillah Hirrahman Nirrahim

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh and Salam Sejahtera

Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad

Minister of Higher Education, Malaysia

Distinguished judges, participants, ladies and gentlemen.

1. Alhamdulillah praise be to the Creator, Allah SWT the Almighty, Most Gracious, Most Merciful for His blessings, has enabled all of us to be gathered virtually for the Closing Ceremony of the **Malaysia Technology Expo- MTE 2021 Virtual Edition, International Innovation Awards.**

2. On behalf of UTeM, and the organizing committee, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri Dr. Noraini Ahmad, Minister of Higher Education, Malaysia for your gracious presence, amidst your busy schedule today.

Yang Berhormat Datuk Seri, Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. For your information, this year's MTE is an inaugural virtual event of which has complied to the mode of the new normal in light of the on-going predicament of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Movement Control Order is still in effect, travel is curtailed, and physical distancing is strictly observed; consequently, the safety of our participants and attendees are our top priority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

4. Additionally, this is the second year that the International Innovation Awards or IIA is being coordinated under an independent award committee.
5. Alhamdulillah, Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka is honoured to be given the opportunity to lead the IIA Award committee for the second consecutive year.
6. My sincere thanks to PROTEMP and the MTE Organizing Committee for the recognition given to UTeM to be part of the

IIA Awards of MTE 2021 Virtual Edition. Your continuous acknowledgement to the University is highly regarded.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

7. The MTE IIA 2021 Virtual Edition has been made possible by the concerted effort and collaboration from various parties especially from the support of strategic partners, specifically PROTEMP and SIRIM Tech Venture of whom have rendered considerable assistance in ensuring the smooth execution of this impactful event.

8. My appreciation also goes to all judges and participants of MTE IIA 2021 for your commitment and dedication throughout the 5-day's event.
9. With the enthusiasm and support from all parties, I am fully confident that this year's MTE IIA, albeit on a new normal platform and approach, has achieved its desired impacts.
10. Congratulations to all winners – the final results will be announced shortly – pray for the best! Till we meet again in the next MTE.
11. Thank you. Stay safe and take care.

