

SPEECH

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MoU UTeM – SIRIM TECH VENTURE

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Assalamualaikum WBT dan Salam Sejahtera

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Members of the joint working group from SIRIM Tech Venture and UTeM, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

1. Praise be to Allah swt for his blessings and compassion has enabled us to gather for this meaningful ceremony.

2. Special thanks to the management of SIRIM for your effort and commitment in making this virtual event a reality.
3. UTeM is very honored to be chosen by SIRIM as a strategic university-industry partner.
4. This special occasion of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UTeM and SIRIM Tech Venture Sdn. Bhd. marks the beginning of many more successful and fruitful partnerships between both parties in the future.
5. Prior to this, UTeM has established strategic networking with SIRIM on several endeavors namely the Malaysia Technology Expo and UTeMEX. Such strategic alliances have, indeed brought us to today's event.

Ladies and gentlemen,

6. I believe the MoU we are signing today will be an impetus to many more long-term collaborations. Smart partnerships between university-industry are vital towards translating research output into products and services which will eventually benefit respective parties. Significant collaborations between universities and agencies will continue to be the focal points in preparing universities to face the challenges of Industrial Revolution 4.0.

7. At UTeM, we are committed towards meeting the key objectives outlined in the memorandum. These include capacity building in technology commercialization processes and business commercialization of technology, products, systems or businesses with high Technology Readiness Level.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

8. Our niche area is Advanced Manufacturing and Computing Technology and it involves adopting and integrating innovative approaches for the improvement of products and services for the benefit of mankind. In our aspiration to be an industry solution provider, we have also strengthened our research competencies in pertinent areas that have been identified as not only instrumental

drivers to the University's unique proposition but also contributory to our nation's progress such as Green Technology, Emerging Technology, Systems Engineering and Human-Technology Interaction.

9. We believe that this brilliant synergy of experts between UTeM and SIRIM Tech Venture will spearhead innovation and commercialization activities towards meeting the needs of various stakeholders.
10. This MoU is highly substantial and timely as our nation strives towards attaining its vision of an advanced nation. With SIRIM Tech Venture on board, it will undoubtedly catalyze towards more impactful commercialization ventures by UTeM researchers.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

11. I do hope that this University – Industry collaboration will accelerate and strengthen further, instilling a great research and commercialization culture at UTeM. May this meaningful synergy with SIRIM Tech Venture extend to many more beneficial collaborations in future . Thank you