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(JUDGING SESSION)

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Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Taala Wabarakatuh and Salam Sejahtera

Distinguished Judges, Ladies and Gentlemen

1. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all judges from the industries and institutions to MTE 2021 Virtual Edition – International Innovation Awards’ Judges Briefing. We are deeply honored and delighted to receive the presence of all judges today – via Zoom.

2. Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka is privileged to be given the opportunity to lead the IIA Award committee for the second consecutive year, Alhamdulillah. Similarly, I am honored to be the Chair again and hence would like to assure that we will commit to this event to our full capabilities and professionalism.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

3. This year, the IIA Awards judging process will take on a different approach – thanks to our technological preparedness and resourcefulness; the MTE 2021, IIA Virtual Edition is the first of its kind. We will be evaluating a total of 330 innovative products from various local and international participants fully online. To ensure the judging process runs smoothly, 57 distinguished panel of judges have been selected among academic and industry specialists; to be exact, 50 percent from academic experts and another 50 percent from the

industries. My sincere thanks to all judges, among others from the National University of Singapore, University Brunei Darussalam, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, the International Federation of Inventors Association, Switzerland, GEA Process Engineering Ltd, UK, and more, which I would not be able to mention all. Thank you for your support and commitment to this year's MTE.

4. The details of judging categories and processes will be shared by Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Herman Jamaluddin and details of judging criteria will be shared by Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Zoinol Abidin Abd Aziz, while the judging system used will be demonstrated by PROTEMP soon after this.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

5. In ensuring that the judging process reflects considerable transparency and reliability, it is highly imperative that the entire adjudication process throughout this 4-days' event be

observed meticulously well and upholding the highest integrity from all of us.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. Once again, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your support and commitment as judges for this year's MTE 2021 Virtual Edition. Your expert contribution to this event is greatly honoured and appreciated.
7. With the enthusiasm and support from all of you and the organizing team, I am fully confident that this year's MTE 2021

IIA Awards Virtual Edition, albeit in a new normal platform and approach, will achieve its desired impacts.

Thank you and best wishes.